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It has been a tough year for most of us but the fragile recovery of the New Zealand economy is reason for cautious optimism. It has also been a particularly difficult time for charities, and this Christmas they are hoping people will give generously to worthy causes that benefit our communities, as well as their families.

The Barker family, Freight Lines Ltd, family members and staff has embraced the philanthropic spirit of Christmas with their choice of company gifts. This Christmas they are continuing their generous practice of donating money they would normally spend on client Christmas gifts to a charity. I am delighted that they have again chosen to support the Neurological Foundation of New Zealand.


The Neurological Foundation is a something of a quiet achiever that has been in existence for over 30 years. It exists to raise funds for neurological research to help the staggering one in five New Zealanders afflicted by neurological disorders. Each year it funds research into disorders such as; Alzheimer's disease, brain aneurysms and tumours, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, head injuries, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease and stroke. Funding and progressing research is vital in order to find treatments for these often heart-breaking conditions.

These diseases have a huge impact on the lives of many New Zealanders and it is a fallacy that they only affect the elderly. Each year 40 of our stroke victims are children and nearly 2,000 (a quarter of all strokes) will be under retirement age. It is also a sobering fact that over 2300 New Zealanders under 21 have cerebral palsy, an often disabling condition that disturbs posture and movement. Parkinson's disease, epilepsy, brain tumours and many other disorders do not discriminate by age.

For sufferers of these conditions research is their only hope and that is why the work of the Foundation is so important. About 98% of our funds come from New Zealanders, people like you, who want to do something positive to help children and adults with neurological disorders. For further information about the research funded by the Foundation please go to www.neurological.org.nz or call Freephone 0508 BRAINS or Auckland (09) 309 7749.

On behalf of the Foundation and all the people our research aims to help, I would like to thank you sincerely for being part of this generous Christmas gift from your loyal service provider, Freight Lines Ltd.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Director
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