



Race meet fit for heroes

By Lisa Pahl

The Cook family knows only too well how valuable support services such as the Little Heroes Foundation are.

Mt Barker couple James and Tracey Cook have turned to the charity for help for both of their children, who have serious medical conditions.

Daughter Bryannan has epilepsy, while son Myles is in treatment for leukaemia.

Formerly known as the McGuinness McDermott Foundation, Little Heroes provides support to children with cancer and other serious illnesses and their families.

"They have been really great

for our family," Mrs Cook said.

"They organise a lot of activities, not just for Myles but for the whole family. And because they support kids with different illnesses the kids get to meet others and it helps them to fit in a bit better."

On Saturday Little Heroes will be given a funding boost by the Oakbank Racing Club, after it was chosen as the charity partner for the club's third annual prelude race day.

As a prelude to the annual Easter racing carnival, the Little Heroes Foundation Family Picnic event will be a day of racing and family fun.

Foundation chairman Chris McDermott said funds raised would go to the charity's Life After Diagnosis Survivorship program.

It aims to empower families living with childhood cancer by supporting them from initial diagnosis, through intensive treatment, remission and beyond.

"The support of the Oakbank Racing Club and the thousands of people who attend Oakbank this April will be invaluable," Mr McDermott said.

Oakbank Racing Club chairman John Glatz said the trainers of the 18 horses that trialled last week in preparation for Saturday's races hailed the track as a "wonderful surface which bodes well for a great day of racing".

More details at www.littleheroesfoundation.com.au and www.oakbankracingclub.com.au



We hope people will continue to support us and our charity

Tracey and James Cook with children Bryannan and Myles. The Mt Barker family has benefitted from the support of the Little Heroes Foundation, the charity that will benefit from the Oakbank prelude races this Saturday.