In a break from the annual tradition of providing gifts to our customers and suppliers, Pacific Direct Line has chosen to make a five figure donation to Cure Kids here in New Zealand.

This wonderful charity was established by Rotary in 1971 as the Child Health Research Foundation. Since then it has invested more than $40 million in research into childhood cancers, inherited heart conditions, cystic fibrosis, sudden unexpected death in infants, stillbirth, burns and child and adolescent mental health. It is the single largest non Governmental children's health research organisation in New Zealand.

PDL is very pleased to be able to assist and we thank our customers and suppliers for their understanding and support. If anybody would also like to donate just click on the link below to see how to help. https://curekids.org.nz/ways-to-donate/

The fifth annual Indian Newlink Sports and Community Awards were held recently at Alexandra Park Auckland with over 600 attendees. PDL’s own Shefali Mehta, QSM, JP, was presented with an award for her services to Rotary and to the Community. Shefali received her plaque from the Honorable Judith Collins, National MP for Papakura. Our congratulations to Shefali for her hard work for her Indian Community.

Southern Pearl sailing from Funafuti on her Christmas journey.

The WOWS Tonga Tae Kami Foundation celebrated ten years of fund raising for child cancer with a week of activities in Nuku'alofa. The foundation was formed in memory of Tae Kami who passed away in 2008 after battling cancer. There were choral performances at the Vaiola hospital, and a concert starring Tofinga, the Laughing Samoan as well as the charity walk.

Dateline Transam fundraised themselves and also sought support from some of their Principals including PDL, APL and Helka and they successfully raised more than TOP3500 for this charity. On the Saturday morning, the DTL team joined the WOWS charity walk through downtown Nuku'alofa to the Vuna wharf. Acting GM, Joe Passi and Alani Schaumkel bravely agreed to having their heads shaved as part of the “Shave or Save” campaign.

PDL Social Club organised another wonderful picnic day for the families of staff to meet with Santa. (thanks Santa) and pictured on the left were the two best teams (of eight) that PDL entered into a fun team-building night at Escapade. Thanks to Moea, Taylor and the team for organising a unique evening based around escaping from locked rooms.

Thought of the Day: “There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humour.” Charles Dickens