



TAI'S STORY

As written by mum, Jolene

Just want to say I am so happy we are supporting The Neonatal Trust. This charity is very close to my heart. I have experienced first-hand the amazing support they give families in a overwhelming and stressful time.

My gorgeous son Tai was born at 25 weeks and weighed 2lb. Having a baby so premature means most mums are not ready mentally or physically to have a baby and the experience ahead. For myself, I gave birth to Tai in Nelson hospital and was then rushed to Wellington where we stayed for 2 months.

The Neonatal Trust gave me so much support being away from my home and family. They supported me through being so overwhelmed with having a sick baby, all the drips, cords, medical terms and all the beeps. There are so many beeps, they always made me jump. The Neonatal Trust had morning teas where I met a lot of other families going through the same situation. They provided courses so I learnt how to change nappies, feeding and caring for Tai in an incubator.

This helped strengthen the bond between us as it was two weeks before I got to hold Tai for the first time, after that I got to hold Tai once a day. This is where I spent many hours on the La-Z-Boy chairs doing Kangaroo cuddles with Tai.

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The Neonatal Trust definitely deserve all the help we can give them.

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The Neonatal Trust is very proud and thankful to have the support of The Body Shop.

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—Dame Anita Roddick. Human Rights Activist. Founder of The Body Shop

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