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**Healthy Harold brightens brave Tessa’s day during hospital visit with Juiced TV**

Five-year-old Tessa Perry has spent much of the past 18 months in hospital undergoing treatment for neuroblastoma – a rare childhood cancer. But for one special day at the Queensland Children’s Hospital, the brave Sunshine Coast girl was smiling and giggling again – thanks to a surprise visit from Life Ed Queensland’s beloved giraffe mascot, Healthy Harold.

The famous giraffe and his educator crew teamed up with the hospital-based initiative Juiced TV to deliver a dose of fun, friendship and education to young patients, including Tessa, whose bright and sassy spirit has carried her through countless rounds of chemotherapy, tests and procedures.

Her mum, Renee Perry, said the visit meant the world to her daughter.

“Tessa loved the Life Ed session. She hasn’t let go of little Healthy Harold since the visit,” Mrs Perry said. “It’s been a big and emotional 18 months – as Tessa faces round after round of treatment and she’s had to be so incredibly brave.”

Tessa’s big brother Remy, 8, has also been attending the Queensland Children’s Hospital School to keep up with his learning while the family temporarily relocates from Palmview on the Sunshine Coast to Brisbane.

The visit was part of a collaboration between Life Ed Queensland and Juiced TV, the show made by the kids in hospital, for the kids in hospital. As part of the special filming day, Life Ed senior educator Sara Allen, alongside Program Deliver Manager Sue Osmond, hosted an interactive *Friends and Feelings* session, helping children explore coping strategies, manage friendship issues and build resilience – tools that are more important than ever for children facing a long hospital journey.

Taryn Black, CEO of Life Ed Queensland, said bringing Healthy Harold and the Life Ed program to kids in hospital had been a moving and memorable experience.

“Our mission has always been to empower children with health, safety and wellbeing education – and to do that in a hospital setting with children like Tessa was incredibly special,” Ms Black said.

“We’re so proud to be partnering with Juiced TV to bring smiles and valuable messages to children during some of their toughest days.”

Juiced TV’s Head of Programs & Impact, Elin Reeves, agreed the collaboration was a heartwarming highlight.

“We’ve been creating meaningful memories for young people in hospital for ten years, and this visit from Healthy Harold brought a lot of joy and positive impact to our hospital community – the smiles on the kids’ faces said it all,” Ms Reeves said.

As Tessa nears the end of her long journey through treatment, her mum says days like this help lift the whole family’s spirits.

“Seeing Tessa so engaged and full of joy during the visit was a beautiful reminder of her resilience. It’s moments like these that help carry us through.”

The Juiced TV episode featuring the Life Ed program will be available to watch from next Tuesday, 20 May – available across Juiced TV’s digital channels, The Juiced App (free to download on tablet), and the Queensland Children’s Hospital’s internal patient entertainment system.

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[About Life Ed Queensland](https://www.lifeedqld.org.au/)

Life Ed Queensland is the largest provider of preventative health education, reaching more than 180,000 children annually through schools and preschools. With the help of mascot Healthy Harold and specialist educators, Life Ed delivers vital lessons on topics such as respectful relationships, mental health, nutrition, vaping, puberty and cyber safety.

[About Juiced TV](https://www.juicedtv.com.au/)

Juiced TV creates entertaining and educational content that’s 'made by the kids, for the kids', with an aim to make the hospital journey better for children and young people. Juiced TV's programs and experiences are designed to help contribute to improved psychosocial safety, increased knowledge of diagnosis and procedures, and greater wellbeing for children and young people.

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