

# Change a child's life today..

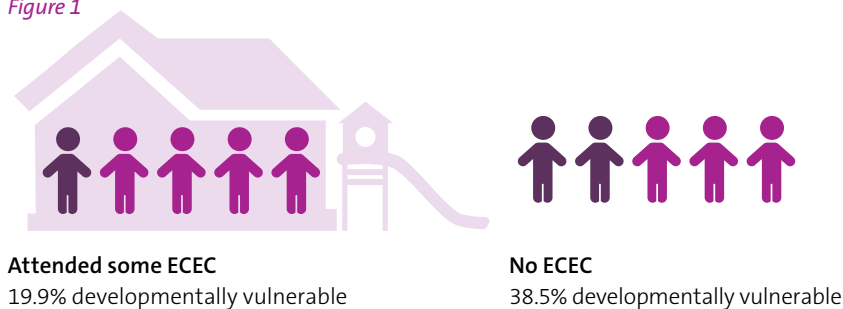
by donating to the EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

*The Foundation has helped hundreds of families with out-of-pocket kindergarten fees.*

## Some facts about Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC)

- + A child's brain undergoes up to 90 per cent of its development in the first five years (Commonwealth Government, 2017).
- + Once vulnerable children start school behind their peers, they remain behind for the rest of their schooling (Pascoe and Brennan, 2017).
- + Children who attend ECEC are 50 per cent less likely to have developmental vulnerabilities (See fig 1).

Figure 1



SCRGSP, 2017; State of Early Learning in Australia 2017, published by the Early Learning: Everyone Benefits campaign, September 2017

## Why we need your help

- + Because the ages of three to five are considered the 'sweet spot' for reducing disadvantage in readiness for school it's vital that a child's kindergarten attendance is not disrupted.
- + With the COVID-19 pandemic increasing child vulnerability, there's a greater need than ever to alleviate the costs of ECEC.
- + The Foundation helps to ensure children don't miss out on kindergarten.



## The Foundation supports children like Jack\*

Jack's parents, John and Suzie, witnessed the positive effects of attending kindergarten on their eldest child, Katie. They wanted the same experience for Jack but a cancer diagnosis meant Suzie could not work and John had to take time off to support her during treatment which made meeting kindergarten fees difficult. Assistance from the ECEF meant Jack continued from the 3-year-old into the 4-year-old program which helped to reduce the stress on Jack's family. It also meant that Jack could continue learning and avoid the potential effects on his social and emotional development that could result from being isolated from his peers.

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