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NT COMEDIAN ONLINE AUCTIONING \$10K IN TERRITORY LOOT TO CURE RARE DISEASE

Local comedian and MC Nathan Powell is on a mission this weekend- to turn his goal of raising \$10,000 for charity through stand-up comedy, into a cheque for more than \$20,000 - and give it to charity to help another Darwin family save their daughter of a rare disease.

A bounty of prizes, including a Clear Water Island Lodge fishing charter worth over \$8K are currently open for bids on Nathan's official comedy Facebook page - [Nathan Powell- Comedy](#).

Nathan was compelled to help the Darwin family, the Whitrods, when he heard of their plight and their remarkable efforts to fund researchers to find a cure for the ultra-rare genetic disease called SPG56.

"This disease attacking beautiful 3-year-old Tallulah Moon is rare, but what I've learned this year is that rare diseases are many- there are hundreds of rare diseases out there, attacking many millions of kids," Nathan said.

"When I heard that Tallulah's parents had started the foundation Genetic Cures for Kids and they needed \$3M to fund the cure, I just wanted to get behind it, and the best way I can help is by making people laugh," Nathan said.

Through a series of comedy quiz nights, stand-up comedy and MCing throughout 2022, Nathan already passed his goal of raising \$10K for Genetic Cures for Kids, and was now with his sold-out 'Great Comedy Quiz Grand Final' this Saturday night, Nathan is shooting for the moon to raise even more.

"Thanks to local comedians and businesses getting on board, we've raised over \$20 thousand bucks this year, and our event this weekend at One Mile gives us the chance to raise more with epic prizes like the Clear Water Island Lodge Fishing package worth over \$8K", Nathan said.

Silent auction fundraising items include:

- 2-night, 2-day fishing package on the Tiwi Islands (for 2 people) valued at more than \$8,000 thanks to Clearwater Island Lodge
- 6 person Champagne Sunset sail thanks to Sail Darwin
- Darwin Kombi Keg 4-hour DRY hire thanks to Darwin Kombi
- 60-minute massage thanks to Amalfi Bodyteca
- First historic carton of 'Pinky cans' to be distributed, thanks to One Mile Brewing Co.

“The business community has been legendary, and we’ve got thousands of dollars of prizes here. I want to give the Territory a chance to bid up big time, so we can help some Territorians who need our help big time,” he said.

“I encourage everyone to jump on my Facebook page and place a bid by direct messaging me because the bids are donations- they are all tax deductible- and every dollar goes to the charity Genetic Cures for Kids Inc (GC4K) and its mission to cure rare disease SPG56- called ‘Our Moon’s Mission’.

Our Moon’s Mission is committed to finding a cure for SPG56 through dedicated, results-driven research.

*****To bid on Silent Auction items message Nathan Powell on Facebook**
<https://www.facebook.com/nathanpowellcomedy> ****

You can watch the film that captures Tallulah’s story [here](#).

You can watch the film for Our Moon’s Mission research update [here](#)

To donate head to www.ourmoonsmission.org/donate/

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