

MESSAGE FROM TIM CAHILL

I get very many requests to support a wide variety of charities and although they are all extremely worthwhile, this particular one has touched my heart.

There are a number of people sacrificing an awful lot and putting in a tremendous amount of hard work just to give this beautiful little girl a chance to lead a normal life.

Baby Katie has had an incredibly difficult start to her life and although the magnificent work of the medical experts has enabled her to make progress there is still a long road ahead, especially for her parents. And that's why I am delighted to add my support to the Keep Baby Katie Awake campaign.

Katie is clearly a battler and so are the rest of her family. They are the ones who are working hard every day to give their baby the best possible support they can. They are the ones under immense pressure, knowing that Katie's future is so uncertain.

We have the easy part. All we have to do is offer our unswerving support and, whenever possible, some help that can make even the slightest positive difference.

I am backing Katie all the way and I would urge others to do the same.

Together we can all make sure that baby Katie stays awake.

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