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Eggstraordinary Easter surprise for sick kids and their families

Jupiters Hotel & Casino held an extra special morning tea with the Easter bunny this morning for some very brave children and their families staying at the Gold Coast University Hospital over Easter.

Held in the hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit courtyard, the event treated children of all ages, their siblings, parents and the Ronald McDonald Family Room volunteers to an array of sweet and savoury treats including sandwiches, sushi, muffins, hot cross buns, chocolate eggs, cookies and a decadent chocolate fountain with fruit and marshmallows.

Jupiters Chefs also helped the kids create their very own, personally decorated chocolate Easter egg to take away with them.

And if that wasn't exciting enough already – the kids also enjoyed storytime and singing with 'Elsa' and 'Anna' from Frozen, a princess visit from Cinderella, balloon sculpting and face painting.

Managing Director, Queensland Geoff Hogg said the Jupiters team feels privileged to be able to bring a little Easter cheer to some very brave children and their devoted families.

"We recognise the important role Jupiters plays in our local community, and as a partner of Ronald McDonald House South East Queensland (RMH SEQ), we're thrilled to support the wonderful service they provide to Gold Coast families in need," Geoff said.

Jupiters Hotel & Casino has a proud partnership with RMH SEQ – who manage the two Ronald McDonald Family Rooms at the Gold Coast University Hospital.

Last year Jupiters, together with Treasury Casino & Hotel, pledged to raise \$3 million over three years to contribute towards the development of the charity's new South Brisbane House and support their Family Rooms at the Gold Coast University Hospital.

"We feel very proud of our partnership with RMH SEQ and the support it will provide to the families of seriously ill children – now, and in the future," Geoff said.

RMH SEQ Business and Finance Manager Steve Whitehead said the event hosted by Jupiters Hotel & Casino was a lovely gesture for Gold Coast families and volunteers.

"Our Gold Coast Community are a huge part of RMH SEQ and we are very lucky to have the support of wonderful partners such as Jupiters Hotel & Casino who were able to provide a wonderful morning tea for seriously ill children and their families as well as our hard working and dedicated volunteers," Steve said.

"The event was an opportunity to treat our families to a fun-filled morning and to celebrate the commitment and generosity of our volunteers who are based on the Gold Coast."

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For more information on Ronald McDonald Family Rooms visit www.rmhc.org.au/our-programs/family-rooms.

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