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Gold Week Telethon
SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Picture: Tracey Lea

When your dollar goes a long way
Stars on board to help kids

Monday 13 June
Live on 9am-4.30pm



Charlotte's the brave little fighter who embodies cause

Alice Coote

S HE was just 15 months old. Charlotte Wyse had a brain tumour. It was the moment parents Rod and Rebecca Wyse will never forget. Their daughter was diagnosed with anaplastic ependymoma in August 2009. She has endured 28 rounds of

chemotherapy and 11 operations since then. The first operation to remove the tumour, that was a third of the size of

her brain, took 15 hours. That was followed by an eight-hour operation and, two weeks after that, chemotherapy began. But the "little miracle", as her mum calls her, now shows no visible signs of the trauma she endured.

The three-year-old's eyes sparkled when *Today Show* host Lisa Wilkinson played morning tea at the Wyse home. Charlotte is the face of the Sydney Children's Hospital's Gold Week Telethon, which will be shown live on Channel 9 on Monday.

The hospital needs donations to continue its vital work. "The amount of resources just for

Charlotte's case alone is enormous," Mr Wyse said. The hospital became like a second home to the family throughout Charlotte's many treatments. Ms Wilkinson said donations from the public were crucial to the hospital. "The hospital couldn't survive without the generosity of everyday Australians," she said.



Brighter future: Charlotte with Lisa Wilkinson

