



Cancer fighters ... Adrian Ryan referees a pillow fight between Denys Pearce and Lorraine Lea Linen's mascot PJ Bear.

Linen parties help kids beat cancer

Linen and manchester parties last year helped raise funds to buy a new machine to help children at Princess Margaret Hospital fight cancer.

Lorraine Lea Linen, Australia's largest linen and manchester party plan company, raised more than \$123,000 to replace PMH's apheresis machine.

PMH Foundation CEO Denys Pearce said the machine collected stem cells from patients having chemotherapy.

The stem cells could be injected back into their bodies later, lessening the chances of infection and other side effects.

"It's very important that children and adolescents requiring this treatment have access to state-of-the-art equipment that will give them the best chance of overcoming the disease," Mr Pearce said.

Lorraine Lea Linen's Party for Kids with Cancer fund was started after company founder



PMH clinical nurse manager Katherine Griffiths and Mr Ryan inspect the new machine.

Peter Ryan lost his battle with cancer in 1999.

Company director, and son of Peter Ryan, Adrian Ryan said his firm's parties had raised more than \$776,000 for Australian hospitals treating kids with cancer.

"Donating the funds directly to the PMH Foundation enables us to ensure that the funds we have raised are spent within PMH," Mr Ryan said.

Lorraine Lea Linen has donated more than \$187,000 to PMH since 2004.