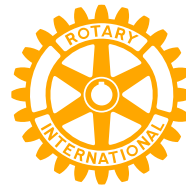




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# Gobabygo

## New Zealand Pacific







## What we're about

Gobabygo started as an initiative by an American paediatric researcher at the University of Delaware, Cole Galloway, researching how mobility or immobility impacts a child's ability to learn and socialise with peers. He found a striking difference, and launched Gobabygo.

Now a small group of Kiwi volunteers has launched the charity in New Zealand. It has adapted and donated over 130 cars so far.

Fun is key – Dr Galloway says it unlocks brain development and exploratory drive, and ignites active, engaged play from adults and same-age peers.

Gobabygo cars are age-appropriate play-focussed devices that encourage interaction with other children, at no cost to the child's family.

## what we do

Gobabygo cars arrive as standard, rechargeable electric ride-in toy cars from the factory.

The volunteer team adapts each car to suit children who have applied and been approved by the Gobabygo panel.

We can add harnesses, backrests and steering aids, move the throttle to the wheel, the headrest or elsewhere, and can fit mounts for some wheelchair seats.

The cars have a remote which can override the child's input, and our adaptations are developing all the time.

Recipients so far include children with Downs Syndrome, heart disease, brain tumours, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, spina bifida and other ailments affecting mobility.

## how you can help

First of all, please spread the word. Like the facebook page [gobabygonz](#), and tell your friends. They may know someone who knows someone who may benefit.

Donate via our [Givealittle](#) page.

Know a handyman/woman with some free time? We could do with more volunteers to put adaptations together.

We also need coordinators and handyfolk in each region to coordinate applications, and address any minor technical glitches.

Or do you know a clever engineering student or electrical engineer who may be interested in helping us develop further adaptations, like an affordable joystick? Contact us...