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**VARIETY BASH
DELIVERS CASH**

ALL SET: Josh Pugh, Alana Thurstans, Alex Hardy and Chloe Brown with their Mario Brothers themed car.

Picture: CALUM ROBERTSON

JADE GAILBERGER

THE 28th Variety Bash convoy will hit the road on Saturday, delivering more than half a million dollars in grants to families in need across regional South Australia.

More than 100 colourful, themed cars and 350 participants will spend a week traveling more than 2100km across the state to deliver grants for children in need.

The bash, which starts in Port Lincoln, will give 15 grants totalling \$548,841 – the most distributed by Variety SA – before finishing the fun in Clare.

In Port Augusta, \$50,624

will be presented to the Burgess family to buy a wheelchair-accessible vehicle for their 10-year-old son Joseph, who has a rare birth defect,

cerebral palsy and seizures.

The grants are distributed from money raised by Variety in 2015.

This year country roadways will be decorated with Super Mario Brothers, Smurfs, Frozen, Wiggles, Cavemen, Angry Birds, footballers, golfers and Ghostbusters-themed volunteers and supporters.

Chloe Brown, 7, who lives with cerebral palsy and epilepsy last year became the beneficiary of more than \$40,000.

The grant allowed her to have selective dorsal rhizotomy surgery – to provide permanent reduction in her spasticity – in the United States. This year the bash hopes to raise more than \$2 million, after raising a record

\$2.33 million last year.

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THE LOVE

Port Lincoln Hospital – \$113,250 – Jaundice meter and intellispace peri-natal obstetrics care system.

Rebecca Southam – \$25,015 – Sensory room/play area.

Port Lincoln Special School – \$30,364 – Sunshine Coach wheelchair lifter.

Lake Wangary Primary School – \$19,996 – Interactive electronic touch screens.

Cleve Area School – \$6000 – Read and write software.



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Henry Larwood - \$52,000

- Hydrotherapy pool.

Wudinna Area School -

\$45,000 - Playground
equipment.

Miltaburra Area School -

\$68,542 - Sunshine Coach.

Smoky Bay Club - \$18,000

- Refurbishment of
playroom.

Joseph Burgess - \$50,624 -

Wheelchair accessible
vehicle.

Woomera Area School -

\$3240 - Camp and healthy
resource room.

Crystal Brook Hospital -

\$8400 - Paediatric manikin.

Gary Elliot-Smith

Gladstone - \$979 - Epilepsy
monitoring system.

Clare High School - \$66,151

- Playground equipment for
the special class.

Richardson Park, Sevenhill

- \$41,280 - Playground.