

Funds help kids take Giant Steps

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GIANT Steps has been much more than just a school to Mosman's Hurley family.

Kate and John Hurley's son William, 9, has severe autism and epilepsy and has been at the Gladesville school since he was about two years old when he attended their playgroup and early learning program.

Teachers educate students with the help of music, occupational and speech therapy.

But they also send out staff to help children at home, to settle in when attending things such as social groups and respite care centres, and offer support and training for parents, siblings and teachers in other schools.

"They go way beyond being just a school," Mrs Hurley said.

"I just could not imagine life without them."

As a way to give back, Mrs Hurley put in a submission in 2009 for Giant Steps to become one of the beneficiaries of the annual Mini-Mos Fun Run and Fair.

The charity run is organised by Mosman Public School.

Will you run in this year's Mini-Mos? Comment below.

Mr and Mrs Hurley's son Eddie is in kindergarten at the school and Emily is a former student.

The application was successful and next month will mark the third year of the run supporting Giant Steps.

Money raised also goes to the school and Starlight Children's Foundation.

