



Mother's Day a time to honour a little battler

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FOR Jodie Taylor, Mother's Day is a reminder of just how precious life is.

While still celebrating the arrival of her third daughter, Sasha, the Prospect mum said Mother's Day also served as a reminder of her second daughter, Scarlett, who was eight months old when she died in 2006.

Scarlett was born with Spinal Muscular Atrophy, a rare, incurable, genetically transmitted disease diagnosed when she was six weeks old.

"She complained little and smiled constantly, despite what we needed to do for her," Mrs Taylor said.

"Given that (eldest daughter) Cassidy or Sasha could have been born with the disease, we are especially aware that parenthood is a privilege."

In honour of their daughter, Jodie and husband David have combined with the Women's and Children's Hospital Foundation to establish the Scarlett Rose Taylor



Scarlett Taylor

Spinal Muscular Atrophy Fund. To donate, call 1800 008 483 or go to www.wchfoundation.org.au

Throughout May, florist Melbourne Street Flowers will make a gold coin donation to the Women's and Children's Hospital Foundation for every bunch of flowers purchased.

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FAMILY: Jodie and David Taylor with daughters Sasha and Cassidy yesterday.

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