

## **First parent joins Queensland charity book project**

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The brother and sister hoping to publish a book to help Gold Coast charity Paradise Kids have welcomed their first 'mum' to the project.

Queensland brother and sister Hannah and Luke Sinclair are attempting to compile a series of stories from both children and adults – with the final short stories to be published as a book for the local charity.

“Since we launched the idea in March, we’ve been working with kids to help them do their short stories,” Hannah, 16, said.

“Early this month we expanded our project so parents could also write their stories. We have since met with Amanda and Brett from Nerang and they have written their story about how the loss of their six-year-old daughter Gemma affected their lives.

“An extract of Amanda’s story is now on our site. We’re confident we can get enough stories together in the next three months so we can have the book printed and available by Christmas.”

The Sinclair siblings are keen to help any interested teenager or parent.

“Parents or young people may have had to deal with drug abuse or other tough issues. Or sadly, they may have even lost someone through a car accident or another event,” Hannah said.

“We want parents and children to be a part of our charity book so their short stories can be read and hopefully give inspiration to others.

“The stories to date are obviously sad but also offer a message of hope. They explain that life can go on and people can learn to live with loss.

“So we’re delighted Amanda and Brett have written their story about Gemma, in memory of their daughter.”

Hannah and Luke today urged the media to support the project.

“We just hope for a small mention in a newspaper or on the radio or television so we can get our project website in front of people,” Hannah said.

Extracts from all stories compiled so far can be found at [www.hannahluke.com](http://www.hannahluke.com)

“The first step for any potential writer is to contact us at [mail@hannahluke.com](mailto:mail@hannahluke.com) so we can discuss their idea,” Hannah said.

**To interview any of the writers - phone 0419 431599**

**To interview Lisa Ewings at Paradise Kids – 0407 122 227**

**To interview Luke or Hannah - 0419 431599**