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The Snow Foundation celebrates innovative and committed community organisations

The Snow Foundation, a local philanthropic family organisation that aims to improve the lives of those facing hardship in the ACT and beyond, is celebrating its partnerships with some of Australia's most successful and innovative not-for-profit (NFP) groups. Dozens of social entrepreneurs and community groups including Global Sisters, Hands Across Canberra, Homes for Homes and Indigenous health advocates, will gather at the Vibe Hotel on Tuesday, 9 March at midday to join in the celebration.

Founded in 1991 by brothers Terry Snow and George Snow, the Snow Foundation has donated about \$26 million to more than 300 community organisations and 300 individuals. In the past year, they have been part of large social change projects including the successful Marriage Equality campaign and Indigenous health campaigns that involve on-the-ground action and education as well as political advocacy to eliminate crusted scabies and rheumatic heart disease, a preventable but life-threatening illness.

Where there is a gap in funding and a need for help, The Snow Foundation aims to offer assistance. In the ACT, they support groups like Karinya House for mothers and babies, Project Independence which provides homes for people living with a disability and the award-winning Assistance Beyond Crisis Microloans which give emergency no-interest loans to men and women who have left abusive relationships.

“For the last 26 years, we have supported the Canberra community by funding community organisations and helping to test new ideas that tackle the big social issues,” says Georgina Snow, CEO of The Snow Foundation. “This year, we are proud to have made one of our largest donations, in partnership with the ACT Government, to help expand the beloved Clare Holland House palliative care facility. This complements our commitment to carers with our support of LifeCircle which aims to change the culture of death and dying.”

Another ground-breaking project for the Snow Foundation was a collaboration with Hands Across Canberra to create Vital Signs Canberra, the first study of its kind, which highlights the strengths, challenges and priorities of the ACT. They are also committed to other Canberra organisations like the Mower Shed, the YMCA's Computer Club and Music for Canberra, which all bring positive change to people's lives every day.

**To attend the lunch or speak to Georgina Byron and other not for profit leaders, contact:
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