



## SNOW FOUNDATION INCREASES ITS SUPPORT IN 2009

**EMBARGOED 4 August 2009, 8am**

Today The Snow Foundation announced their 2009 annual community grants to 24 organisations and four individuals – funding nine new programs, while also continuing its commitment to all its existing programs. These grants total \$534,000, which represents the largest annual contribution The Snow Foundation has made to the community in its history.

Chief Executive Officer, Ms Georgina Byron stated that:

“Given the economic climate it was critical that we continued to support all fifteen of our existing programs. These programs have an emphasis on providing welfare and relief to people who are homeless, mentally ill or disabled. We wanted to make sure that these programs had the best chance of success – and to do that we have provided longer term support.”

In taking on new programs in 2009 the Foundation sought to identify programs that fitted into the three target areas - social welfare, health/disabilities and education. Ms Byron said:

“We are thrilled to support programs that have the potential to change people’s lives long-term. For instance, the ACT Social Enterprise Hub aims to boost employment for people who are marginalised from society, while the Newpin (New Parent and Infant Network) program works intensively over two years with vulnerable families with young children to break the cycle of destructive family behaviour and enhance child well-being. While both these programs are new to Canberra, they have proven success elsewhere.”

Although it was exciting for the Foundation to be involved with these new programs, as they allow the Foundation to help people who were trying to remedy social problems, Ms Byron pointed out:

“The food programs that we support are just as important – these provide not just food, they bring people together in a safe non-judgemental space, allowing some of the most vulnerable in society to gather and re-establish social connections.”

In the 18 years since it was established by brothers Terry and George Snow, the Foundation has contributed almost \$3 million to 140 local organisations and individuals.

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### **Event Details**

**What:** Announcement of 2009 Snow Foundation Grant Recipients

**When:** Tuesday, 4 August 2009, 10:30am for 11am

**Where:** Foyer of 33 & 35 Brindabella Cct, Conference Centre

**Who:** Katy Gallagher, Minister for Health and Community Services

Georgina Byron, CEO, The Snow Foundation

Terry Snow, AM, Chair, The Snow Foundation

**Media are welcome**

**(A full list of successful grant applicants is attached)**

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# The Snow Foundation

## Grant Commitments - 2009



The following grants were made in the year 2009 to twenty-four organisations and four individuals totalling \$534,000. Nine grants are for programs new to The Snow Foundation and have been highlighted with an asterisk. The remaining fifteen are continuing programs.

Grants have been divided into three key focus areas: social welfare, health & disabilities and education & well-being.

### Social Welfare – 11 Programs \$269,000

#### HOME IN QUEANBEYAN

Home for the mentally ill and homeless (4 year \$400,000 grant) \$150,000

This grant will contribute towards the building of a safe, supportive home for the homeless, mentally ill and those incapable of living independently so they can live with support, dignity and love. Home in Queanbeyan will provide 24 hour supported accommodation in a non-institutional setting for 20 residents - 18 medium and long-term, and 2 respite - along with outreach services that will assist dozens more in the Queanbeyan and surrounding communities.

#### KARINYA HOUSE

Caseworker for expectant mums (2 year \$52,000 grant) \$26,000

This grant enables Karinya House the opportunity to employ an additional caseworker to support pregnant and parenting women. The caseworker will support 10-15 Karinya clients (approximately 80 clients per annum) and assist with the provision of life skills, health and welfare related programs.

#### OPEN FAMILY

Worker to support troubled youth (3 year \$75,000 grant) \$25,000

This funds a street outreach worker to support troubled youth who may be homeless, may have addictions, mental health problems and/or suffering from abuse. Workers aim to connect them to communities, help them find accommodation, encourage them to return to school and support them through their difficult times.

#### STASIA'S SOUP KITCHEN

Food for marginalised/homeless people \$18,000

This grant funds the provision of food and blankets for the homeless, and provides support for troubled families and individuals.

#### ST JOHN'S CARE

Fresh Food for Families Program (2 year \$24,000 grant) \$12,000

This funds the provision of fresh fruit and vegetables for up to 6,000 adults and children who visit the St John's Care Centre. It provides good nutrition and helps improve self esteem.

#### ST PHILIP'S CARE AT NORTHBOURNE\*

Food for marginalised/homeless people (2 year \$15,000 grant) \$10,000

This grant funds the provision of a nourishing lunch each Monday for many socially disadvantaged people who reside in the Inner North of Canberra. Importantly, the program seeks to enhance the welfare of participants in their communities by providing a welcome, safe and non-judgmental place to gather, build community and develop friendships. Attendance usually ranges between 40 and 100 with annual attendance 3,500 to 4,000 people.



**BRIDGE BACK TO LIFE: TONY'S PLACE\***

Rental support for marginalised males \$10,000

This supports the rental payments for Tony's Place, a home to six homeless, hard-to-engage young males aged 16-25 years in north Canberra.

**ST JOHN'S CARE**

Ainslie Primary School Breakfast Program (2 year \$6,000 grant) \$3,000

This funds the provision and serving of a healthy breakfast to the pupils of Ainslie Primary School before school three mornings a week, ensuring that all children can start the school day without the risk of being compromised by poor nutrition. Average attendance is 20 children each morning.

**COMMUNITIES @ WORK**

OzHarvest Food Program (2 year \$15,000 grant) \$5,000

This grant contributes towards the salary of the OzHarvest Co-ordinator who is responsible for picking up excess food from cafes, delis, restaurants, event caterers and corporate offices and delivering to over 30 shelters, refuges and other organisations in Canberra and Queanbeyan.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Samaritan House for homeless men (2 year \$10,000 grant) \$5,000

This grant is to support homeless men when they leave Samaritan House to help them set-up their own accommodation.

**SALVATION ARMY**

Winter Red Shield Appeal \$5,000

**Health & Disabilities – 8 Programs, 4 Individuals \$171,000****SOCIAL VENTURES AUSTRALIA: ACT SOCIAL ENTERPRISE HUB\***

Employment for people with disabilities/mental health issues (3 year \$100,000 grant) \$50,000

This supports the establishment and development of a Social Enterprise Hub in the ACT which will provide business services to social enterprises that employ people who are marginalised. The Hub is designed to assist the development and accelerate the growth of social enterprises and subsequently boost employment opportunities for people with a disability or mental health issue. The Hub is a new initiative in the ACT made possible through partnering with Social Ventures Australia, PriceWaterHouseCoopers, Mental Health Community Coalition and the Department of Housing and Community Services ACT.

**FRIENDS OF THE BRAIN INJURED**

Intensive Therapy \$36,000

This grant provides intensive therapy for 18 young children with brain injuries acquired at birth. Programs and treatments include speech therapy, physiotherapy, osteopathy, conductive education, nutrition therapy, naturopathy, acupuncture and therapeutic massage.

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**HOME HOSPICE\***

Mentoring program for carers of the terminally ill (3 year \$60,000 grant) \$20,000

This provides the funds required to bring a community mentoring program to Canberra. The program enables and empowers families and communities to perform their traditional caring role for their terminally ill, dying loved one at home. Although 80 per cent of people in Australia express a wish to die at home, at best only 30 per cent of people realise this wish. Carers also often feel alone, overwhelmed and unable to care for a dying loved one at home, due to the lack of support available to them. This will be the first time such a program is available to residents in the ACT region.

**BLACK MOUNTAIN SCHOOL\***

Strong Foundations early intervention program \$20,000

This grant supports the development of a sensory garden which will provide access to an attractive and stimulating educational and recreational environment unavailable to many children with disabilities at Black Mountain School.

**AINSLIE ARTS CENTRE\***

Music for Everyone program for people with disabilities (2 year \$25,000 grant) \$15,000

This grant supports the expansion of the Music for Everyone program, a nationally recognised best-practice program of group music activities for adults and teens with disabilities, that operates weekly at the Ainslie Arts Centre and Tuggeranong Arts Centre. Over 50 people with disabilities gather to learn new skills, make music together and enjoy a great social activity. At the 2008 ACT Adult Learners Awards, this program won the Most Outstanding Program award and its chief tutor and team leader Julie Wright won the Most Outstanding Tutor award.

**YMCA\***

Raids Basketball program for people with disabilities \$7,000

This grant supports the provision of new equipment and a part-time co-ordinator to assist the running of the Raids basketball program for people with disabilities. The program provides the opportunity for people with an intellectual disability to engage in a social basketball competition, and for the parents and carers it provides an opportunity to engage with others in the same situation and watch their child/dependent engage in fun and excitement.

**HARRISON SCHOOL\***

Equipment for children with special needs \$5,000

This grant funds equipment for children with special needs to be used in a variety of programs within the student support environment including speech, occupational therapy and social skills.

**ACT CANCER COUNCIL**

Wig Service (2 year \$10,000 grant) \$5,000

This grant funds the purchase of wigs and makes them available to cancer sufferers through the wig service at a low cost.

**INDIVIDUAL'S (4)\***

Wheelchairs/Living expenses \$13,000

## Education & Well-being – 6 Programs \$94,000

### **UNITING CARE KIPPAX: NEWPIN PROGRAM\***

Worker for the Newpin Parenting Program (4 year \$280,000 grant) \$70,000

This grant funds a full-time worker to support the innovative, highly effective Newpin (New Parent and Infant Network) program that works with vulnerable families with children from birth to five years. It aims to break the cycle of destructive family behaviour and enhance their parent-child relationships. This is the first time the program has been extended in the ACT as a result of a unique partnership between UnitingCare Kippax, UnitingCare Burnside, the ACT Government and the Snow Foundation.

### **GALILEE\***

Urayarra Indigenous numeracy and literacy program \$5,000

This grant funds the new Satellite Literacy and Numeracy Program for indigenous students aged 12 to 16 year olds, particularly those in Years 7 and 8, focused on improving numeracy and literacy skills, with the aim of completing Year 10 and beyond.

### **COUNTRY EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA\***

Educational Scholarships \$5,000

This grant provides five scholarships to assist five high school students to continue education beyond year 12. Students are chosen based on financial disadvantage and academic potential and will be for the country communities of Goulburn, Monaro, Yass and Braidwood.

### **QUEANBEYAN HIGH SCHOOL**

Educational Scholarships (2 year \$8,000 grant) \$4,000

This grant provides two scholarships to assist two disadvantaged students to continue their education after finishing Year 12. Queanbeyan High School awards the scholarships each year on the basis of financial need and academic potential to succeed at the tertiary level. Funds are approved for school/tertiary fees and approved related material.

### **THE SMITH FAMILY**

Learning for Life Program (2 year \$10,000 grant) \$5,000

This grant is for the delivery of the Learning for Life Educational Program for children at school including funding for, amongst other things, workers, books and literacy initiatives.

### **BARNARDOS**

Kids in Sport Program (2 year \$10,000 grant) \$5,000

The main aim of the grant is to enable the personal development of very underprivileged children identified by their Barnardos Case-worker by facilitating their access to sporting facilities and activities. Last year it supported 163 children and young people to participate in sport, and it generated a range of other very positive family and community outcomes.

## Total Grants for Year 2009 \$534,000

\* new programs to The Snow Foundation for 2009

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