



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **2010 Snow Foundation Grants Announced**

The Snow Foundation celebrates another year of supporting those who support others.

Georgina Byron, Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation stated that:

"It is a big year of growth for the Foundation - we will be supporting 40 programs and 8 individuals through funding of more than \$850,000 which is a 60% increase on last year. And while we are keeping our focus on programs that foster social inclusion, for the first time we are supporting medical research by providing funding to Professor Garth Nicholson of the ANZAC Institute for research into motor neurone disease. There are no guarantees with this type of leading edge medical research - but we firmly believe that this sort of research needs to be supported if major discoveries in the field are to be made."

The other new programs supported by the Foundation cover diverse fields such as family inclusion, rehabilitation programs, disability services and employment specific education for young people.

"We really have an amazing group of programs for this year. For example with Kids under Cover we are assisting a program that focuses on the prevention of youth homelessness; through Koolamon Fellowship, we are supporting a rehabilitation program for men with addictions; and with Canberra College Cares, we are teaming up with the Canberra Institute of Technology to provide a 'Transition to Work' program that helps young pregnant and parenting Year 12 students obtain employment specific qualifications. All of the programs that we support this year will provide real benefits to the community"

In addition to the new programs supported by the Foundation, Ms Byron noted that the progress of the existing programs was particularly pleasing.

"The programs that we supported last year continue to flourish. To name just a few - jobs and skills are being created through the social enterprise hub program with the ACT Government; families and children are being supported through the NewPin program; the Messengers suicide prevention program is firmly established in Gungahlin; and Home in Queanbeyan is now a home for eleven people. Regardless of what service was provided, all of our existing programs now play an important part in the lives of many people in the Canberra and the surrounding region."

The Snow Foundation was established in 1991 by brothers Terry and George Snow and since that time has donated over \$3.3 million to 165 local organisations and individuals.



**Event Details:**

**What:** Announcement of 2010 Snow Foundation Grant Recipients

**When:** Wednesday, 22 September 2010

**Where:** Brindabella Conference Centre  
33 & 35 Brindabella Cct  
Brindabella Business Park

**Media Welcome**

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

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