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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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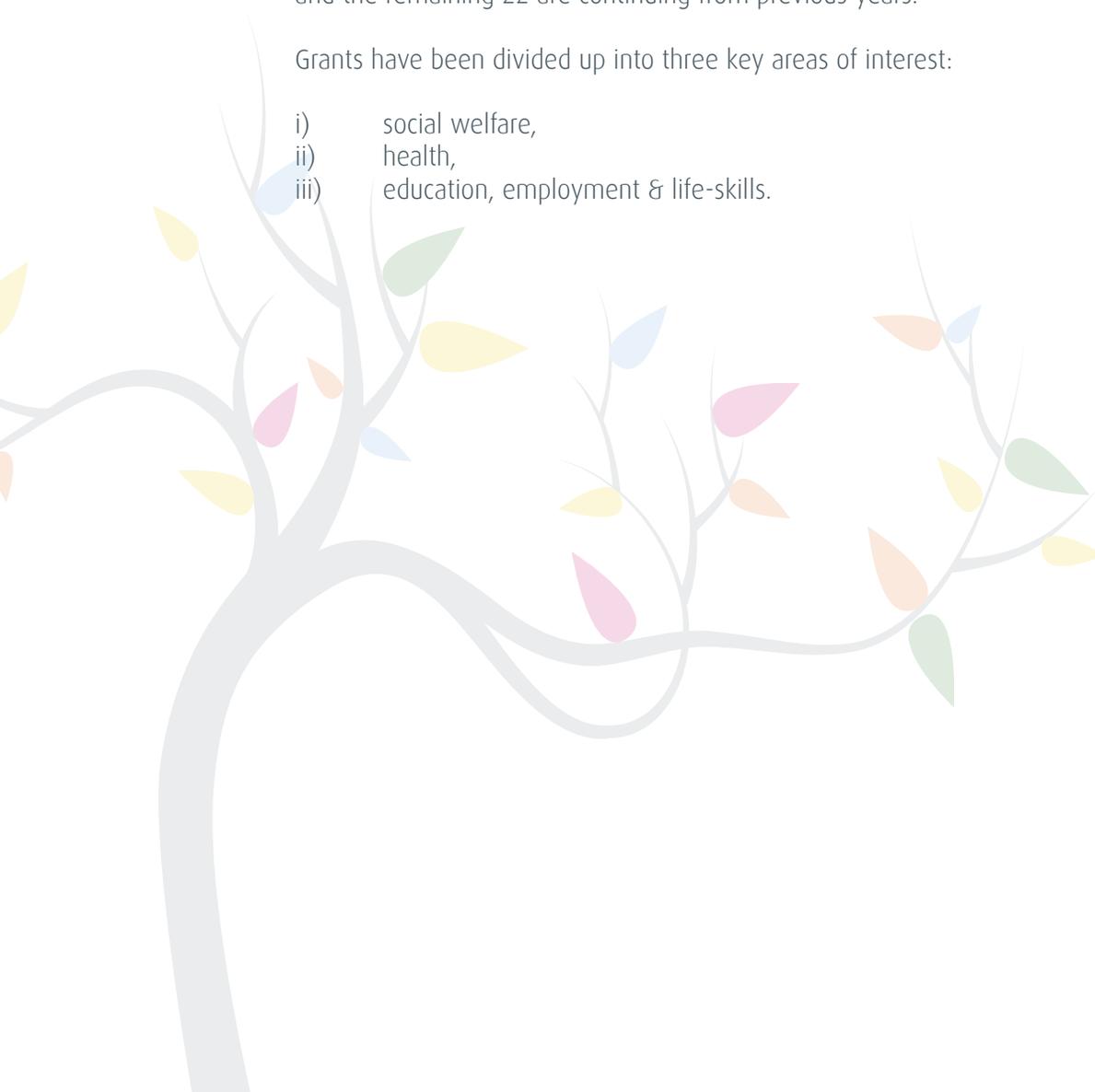
The Snow Foundation Grant Commitments - 2010

The Snow Foundation made 48 grant commitments in the year 2010 to a range of different organisations and individuals totalling \$856,000.

Within the grants to organisations, 18 are for new programs to The Snow Foundation and the remaining 22 are continuing from previous years.

Grants have been divided up into three key areas of interest:

- i) social welfare,
- ii) health,
- iii) education, employment & life-skills.





Social Welfare – 14 Programs

\$215,000

New programs (4)

Kids Under Cover

Unique shelter for youth \$20,000

Kids Under Cover provides unique accommodation in response to young people who are at risk of becoming homeless due to extreme conflict or overcrowding within the family home. It allows families to stay connected, giving them extra room and provides the young person with a safe, secure and stable environment to grow into healthy adults. Kids Under Cover focuses on prevention of youth homelessness, creating a proactive rather than reactive approach to this very complex issue. This unique shelter is new to Canberra with the first demountable bungalow opening in July 2010. This grant funds the third of its kind in the ACT.

Koolamon Fellowship

Rehabilitation program for men with addictions \$20,000

This grant contributes to the operating costs to run a new intensive rehabilitation program for eleven men who suffer from one or more addictions (mainly drug and alcohol) and who are homeless as a result. It provides shelter via two homes in South Canberra and a small-scale mentoring program, based on Christian principles and the well known 12 step program to help the men to re-establish their place in the community.

Common Ground

'Housing Concept' to help people who are homeless \$10,000

Common Ground provides safe permanent housing to people who are chronically homeless or on low incomes. The program is based on a highly successful housing model first developed in New York, currently running in Adelaide and under development in NSW, Melbourne, Tasmania and Brisbane. It is a permanent supportive housing model that makes available long term independent housing with appropriate support services to sustain people in that housing. This grant funds the 'proof of concept' stage to test the feasibility of providing a Common Ground in the ACT.

Salvation Army

Dental Program (\$20,000 grant over 2 years) \$10,000

This program provides treatment to disadvantaged clients of the Dickson Community Service Centre who experience health, self esteem issues and problems with job hunting as a result of their chronic dental problems. The Salvation Army manages the clients, the ACT Dental Clinic provides the facilities and a dentist volunteers one day a week. Northside Community Service provide free childcare if required. This program commenced in 2008. It will now continue and provide dental treatment to 30 clients.

Continuing programs (10)

Home in Queanbeyan

Home for people who are mentally ill and homeless (\$400,000 grant over 4 years) \$50,000

Home in Queanbeyan (HOME), opened in July 2010 to provide 24 hour supported accommodation in a domestic style setting for 20 residents, catering for 15 long term residents and 5 respite care residents. This grant contributes towards the building and management of this safe, supportive "home" for people who are homeless, mentally ill and incapable of living independently so they can live with support, dignity and love. HOME has 20 appropriately designed one bedroom units with en-suites and shared facilities including a commercial kitchen, communal dining and recreation areas and pleasant outdoor spaces and courtyards.

Karinya House

Caseworker for pregnant / expectant mums (\$54,000 renewed grant over 2 years) \$27,000

Karinya House offers secure accommodation in 2 houses; Karinya House and Erin House for women before and after birth. This grant, in partnership with the Canberra Southern Cross Club, enables Karinya House to employ an additional full-time caseworker to provide outreach support to pregnant and parenting women. The caseworker will support 10-15 Karinya clients (approximately 80 clients per annum) and assist with the provision life skills, health and welfare related programs.

Open Family

Worker to support troubled youth (\$75,000 renewed grant over 3 years) \$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 people who are homeless, and provides support for troubled families and individuals.

St John's Care

Fresh Food for Families (\$24,000 renewed grant over 2 years) \$12,000

The Fresh Food for Families program provides fresh fruit and vegetables for up to 6,000 adults and children who drop into the St John's Care Centre. It provides good nutrition and helps improve self esteem.

Ainslie Primary School Breakfast Program (\$6,000 renewed grant over 2 years) \$3,000

This program provides a healthy breakfast to the pupils of Ainslie Primary School before the start of 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.

St Philip's Care at Northbourne

Food for marginalised/homeless people (\$15,000 grant over 2 years) \$5,000

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 ranges between 40 and 100 with annual attendance of up to 3,500 people.

Salvation Army

Red Shield Appeal \$5,000

Communities @ Work

OzHarvest Food Program (\$10,000 renewed grant over 2 years) \$5,000

OzHarvest Canberra is managed and supported by Communities@Work, a community based not-for-profit organisation in the ACT. OzHarvest rescues food from cafes, delis, restaurants, event caterers and corporate offices and delivers them to over 46 charities and refuges in Canberra and Queanbeyan. This grant contributes towards the operational cost of OzHarvest. Since opening in February 2008 it has delivered over 500,000 meals and saved over 150 tonnes of good food from being wasted.

St Vincent de Paul

Samaritan House for homeless men (\$10,000 over 2 years) \$5,000

This grant provides support to men who are homeless to help them set up their own accommodation when they leave Samaritan House which provides short-term accommodation.



Health – 13 Programs, 8 Individuals

\$447,000

New programs (7)

ANZAC Institute Concord Hospital, Garth Nicholson

Research into Motor Neurone Disease (\$424,000 grant over 2 years) \$225,000

Motor Neurone Disease, (MND) is a degeneration of brain and spinal cord neurones leading to disability and eventually, death. It is one of the most common adult onset neurodegenerative disorders with an incidence of 1-5 per 100,000 people. The aim of this research project is to develop the means to screen all known Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved drugs to determine if any currently approved drugs can cure, ameliorate or even prevent motor neurone disease. The project is being led by world leading neurologist and scientist Professor Garth Nicholson.

Hartley Lifecare

Capital Works (pledge) \$50,000

Hartley Lifecare have been providing accommodation support and care to people with a disability in the ACT for over 45 years. This pledge is for the build of an Assistive Technology Unit and Training facility for Hartley Lifecare. Already Hartley have been delivering the Assistive Technology program for some years and the impact it has had for many people with a disability is profound, dramatically improving their independence and quality of life. Small tasks such as turning on the lights can be overcome by providing the person with a disability specific technology without relying on the support of a full time carer. There is a real need to have a home for this innovative program to provide even more people the opportunity for assessment, training and appropriate equipment.

Monaro Early Intervention Service

Language Support Program (\$45,900 grant over 3 years) \$16,000

The Language Support Program provides paediatric speech pathology services for 30 children (0-5 yrs) in the Cooma area who have disabilities or developmental delays. These services are chronically limited, unavailable or inaccessible for families in Cooma-Monaro, Snowy River & Bombala Shires. This grant provides funds for a monthly paediatric speech and language pathology consultancy service.

Careers ACT

Equip a "Carers Hub" in the Holt Community Hub \$15,000

Young carers have identified a great need for a place of peace and tranquillity to relax and share their experiences with other carers while having a break from their caring roles. They also crave a space for studying and tutoring. This grant will equip the Carers Hub with furniture, a kitchen upgrade, computers, craft and a library.

ACT Community Living Project

Research into the specific needs of people with disabilities \$10,000

The ACT Community Living Project (CLP) is a not-for-profit community organisation seeking quality life choices for people with a disability, particularly those with a moderate to severe intellectual disability. CLP's core belief is that people with a disability are entitled to the same opportunities as the rest of the community including choice of accommodation, education, employment and so forth. Their aim is to develop a safe and supportive living environment for people with a disability as well as advocate and lobby on their behalf. The first step in achieving this goal is research; research into the specific needs of people with disabilities and the ways in which a safe supportive living environment can be provided to meet their needs. This grant will assist CLP to undertake their research.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Peer Support Program \$10,000

The Peer Support Program is to fill a gap that currently exists between the medical support available and the newly diagnosed families and individuals. Families are put in contact with a Peer Support volunteer in their local area to help them through the early stages of diagnosis and provide a much needed support network to cope with the emotional impact of living with type 1 diabetes. The grant is to establish the program in the ACT and to train at least five volunteers.

Starlight Children's Foundation

Canberra Child & Maternal Hospital \$10,000
Grant to support the new Canberra Child & Maternal Hospital which is under development.

Individual (8)

Equipment: wheelchairs/walkers/vehicles \$20,000

Continuing programs (6)

Friends of the Brain Injured

Intensive Therapy Programs \$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.

Home Hospice

Mentoring program for carers of the terminally ill (\$60,000 grant over 3 years) \$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 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 is the first time such a program is available to residents in the ACT region.

Music for Everyone Program

Music program for people with disabilities (\$25,000 grant over 2 years) \$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, with participants from all parts of Canberra, and from Yass and Queanbeyan. Over 50 people with disabilities gather in small groups to learn new skills, make music and enjoy a great social activity. At the 2009 ACT Chief Minister's Inclusion Awards, the Music for Everyone Program was the winner of the Education Award. Music For Everyone was also the winner of the 2009 National Music in Communities Awards, as the best all-round community music program in Australia.

Messengers Program: Gungahlin

Suicide prevention art program \$10,000

This early intervention youth program for suicide prevention, builds resilience through art programs: drama, visual arts, dance. The program targets young people who are regarded as being at risk of social isolation and/or suffering depression and are referred to the program by school counsellors. This grant has enabled the program to be extended to Gungahlin supporting 14 young people.

YMCA

Raids Basketball program for people with disabilities \$5,000

The grant supports the YMCA's weekly RAID Basketball team for 36-46 participants with a high level of disability (intellectual and/or physical) and low social engagement skills. The physical activity helps lower frustration and challenging behaviour and improves physical and mental health.

ACT Cancer Council

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

The wig service sells low cost wigs to those in the community who are experiencing hair loss as a result of cancer treatment at 2 wig service locations, the Canberra Hospital and the offices in Fairbairn. This grant contributes 50% of the annual expense for purchase of wigs for sale.



Education, Employment & Life-skills – 13 Programs

\$194,000

New programs (7)

Canberra College Cares

'Transition to Work' program

\$20,000

Canberra College Cares provides this new training and development program together with the Canberra Institute of Technology. It aims to provide young pregnant and parenting Year 12 students with employment specific qualifications and certification of vocational competencies as well as provide funds for students wishing to complete external vocational courses. This grant funds the set-up of a Virtual Office, student fees and course books.

Volunteering ACT

Students Participating in Community Enterprises (SPICE)

\$20,000

SPICE is an early intervention work and home tutoring program for 12-15 year olds at risk of not completing Year 10. The program links students with their choice of work experience, a business mentor and volunteer home tutor. This enables students to re-engage with their school, access career pathways and make positive choices for their future. This grant is for a part-time business liaison officer assisting in identifying work place opportunities and improve contacts between SPICE and the local business community.

Pathways Foundation

Pathways to Manhood

\$10,000

The Pathways to Manhood program's objectives are to help young men be inspired by their future and avoid the dangers of drugs and alcohol and in taking unnecessary risks. It is a contemporary, community based rite of passage for boys into manhood which takes the form of a 5 day bush camp for boys aged 13-15 years and their father or a male mentor. This project supports 8 individuals from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

ACT Community Arts Organisation

"Through a Different Lens" Project

\$8,000

Through a Different Lens is an inclusive community film making project by, with and for people experiencing disability and disadvantage. 30 people will be involved in putting the film together and the short film will be screened in December as part of International Day of People with Disability.

Galilee

'Fireball' Program – Student Challenge Camp

\$7,000

Galilee's 'Fireball' Project is a 12 month program addressing the issues of social and emotional incompetence that are blocking students ability to function in a learning environment and within the wider community. The grant will fund a Camp held at the end of the project to give students the opportunity to put into practice the skills and knowledge they have gained from the program.

Australian Childhood Foundation

Therapeutic Foster Care Program

\$6,000

The Australian Childhood Foundation aims to prevent child abuse and to reduce the harm it causes children and the community. The Therapeutic Foster Care program enhances the recovery of traumatised children and young people (aged 8 – 14 years) living in foster care through stronger community engagement. This program has been successful in Melbourne and due to it's effectiveness, is now being offered in the ACT for the first time for 12 high risk youths. This has been made possible by partnering with Banardos and funding from the ACT Government. This grant provides funds for extra activities such as sport, learning a craft or new interest, music, receiving tutoring support for their education as part of the Therapeutic Foster Care Program.

Vyne Ozhelp: Safe-talk

Suicide prevention 'Safe-talk' training

\$5,000

Vyne Ozhelp delivers a suicide prevention training package called Safe-talk. This grant enables 60 gatekeepers and volunteers from the various community organisations to be trained in Safe-talk.

Continuing programs (6)

Uniting Care Kippax

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

Newpin (New Parent and Infant Network) is a highly effective evidence based program that works with vulnerable families with children from birth to five years to break the cycle of destructive family behavior and enhance their parent-child relationships. Newpin was brought to the ACT in 2009 as a result of a unique partnership between UnitingCare Kippax, UnitingCare Burnside, the ACT Government and the Snow Foundation. Newpin now supports 9 families. This grant funds a full-time worker.

ACT Social Enterprise Hub

Employment for people who are marginalised (\$100,000 grant over 3 years) \$25,000

The ACT Social Enterprise Hub has been established to assist the development of social enterprises. A social enterprise is a sustainable business that offers jobs to people who are unable to access mainstream employment. These people may have mental health issues, a disability or be disadvantaged by some other means. The Hub is now over a year old and has established nine new social enterprises, created 24 new jobs and provided training, skills and some income streams for another 45. This grant, in a four-way partnership with Social Ventures Australia, PriceWaterHouseCoopers, The ACT Government and The Snow Foundation enables the Hub to be operational.

Bridge Back to Life: Tony's Place

Educational support for marginalised young males \$10,000

Tony's Place provides accommodation, living skills education, family reunification, job hunting assistance and transport for 6 homeless young males aged 16 to 25 years. In 2009, three youths successfully moved into independent living and 20 others were supported. This grant is for educational programs including nutrition, drug & alcohol, living skills, family unification as well as transportation costs.

The Smith Family

Learning for Life Program (\$10,000 renewed grant over 2 years) \$5,000

The Learning for Life Education Program helps disadvantaged children have an opportunity to gain an education. This grant contributes to the delivery of the program including funding for salaries, books and literacy initiatives.

Barnardos

Kids in Sport Program (\$10,000 renewed grant over 2 years) \$5,000

This grant enables very underprivileged children the opportunity for some personal development. They are identified by their Barnardos Case-worker who provides them with access to sporting facilities and activities. In 2009, this program supported 115 children and young people to participate in sport, and it generated a range of other very positive family and community outcomes.

Queanbeyan High School

Educational Scholarships \$3,000

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.