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MEET THE BOARD

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Mr Chris Peters AM, OI, JP
- Deputy Chair:
Mr Larry King
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Justice Richard Refshauge
- Ms Renee Le Grande
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- Mr Laurie Wilson
- Mr Doug Gillespie

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ACT Citizen of the year 2012

The 2012 Canberra Citizen of the Year is Dr Chris Peters AM, CEO of the ACT and Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

ACT Chief Minister Katy Gallagher MLA, presented Dr Peters with the award at a ceremony in Woden on 8th March 2012, commending him for his contribution to supporting Canberra's local businesses and to the community more broadly.

Dr Peters is well known, people hear him on the radio or in the media, but he does a lot of work behind the scenes volunteering his time that doesn't get recognition, Ms Gallagher said.

Dr Peters founded the Indigenous Business Chamber of Australia and is a member of GreaterGood, a public charitable foundation for people in the region.

Dr Peters said he was honoured to receive the award and that Canberra was a "fabulous" place to live and work as a business leader.

"It's small enough to have people sit around a table and make things happen, but large enough for it to make a difference," he said.



Dr Chris Peters with Chief Minister Katy Gallagher.

Dr Chris Peters has been a member of the GreaterGood board since September 2007 and was voted Chair on July 1st 2012.

Helping local youth help themselves

When contemplating the direction of our future generations, the opportunity to give young people the skills and resources to realise what they're capable of is one that is invaluable; if we can help teens to discover their potential, they can help themselves reach it.

For over six years, GreaterGood has been providing funding sponsorships: helping local youth, discover, develop and achieve their potential through Outward Bound's Youth Development Navigator Program.

Thanks to the generous donations from GreaterGood account holders. GreaterGood was able to assist Nic, (a young man from Ulladulla), complete the Outward Bound Navigator program and he has now been inspired to pursue a career in Mechanical Engineering. "Outward Bound's Navigator course has helped me to focus on

what I want in the future," said Nic.

GreaterGood continues to make this life-changing opportunity



accessible to youth in need and since the initiative's inception in 2006, has touched the lives of 28 teenagers socially isolated or financially disadvantaged around ACT and South-Eastern NSW through the sponsorship of \$45,000 in scholarship funds.

Each participant attending the twelve day course in the ACT's Namadgi National Park, takes their achievements and newfound self-awareness back into their

school lives when they return home and encourages them to give-back to the community.

While the cost to sponsor a youth is just under \$2000, you can support Outward Bound by contacting Tracey Jay at GreaterGood and discussing the advantages of directing all or part of your 2012 funding distribution from your GreaterGood account, to sponsor a teenager or make a contribution to co-fund students.

With your generous support, GreaterGood and Outward Bound can together continue to offer those in need the chance to develop, discover and achieve their potential and ultimately give back to the community.

For further information on the course go to -

http://outwardbound.org.au/images/documents/navigator_web.pdf

Board Members Celebrate GreaterGood Achievements.

The Press Club was the venue for an event on 28 March to celebrate the achievements of GreaterGood since its establishment in 2003.

Sir William and Lady Deane and Kathy Leigh, Director-General JACS, were among the invited guests who attended to hear Mr Andrew Taylor praise the contributions of past and present board members. “Doug Gillespie floated the concept with the Public Trustee, Mr Don Dunckley in 1993 and from this germ of an idea, the Foundation as it is today was born” said Mr Taylor. “We owe much to our board and Management committee members who have collectively brought the community to the table along with their expertise influence and their vision”.

Chair of the Board Mr Chris Peters reiterated Mr Taylor’s words by saying “that it was an honour to be with people that made philanthropy in our community so much a part of your being, what you care about, giving back and mak-

ing a difference in people’s lives”. “The groundwork that has been so capably established will provide an excellent framework for the current board to continue the commitment of promoting and growing GreaterGood.”

The GreaterGood Gift fund and Open fund accounts were opened on 4 April 2003 with a \$10 donation. Now in March 2012, there is close to \$10 Million in the corpus with 50 established accounts.

Accounts consist of 12 Memorial funds, 16 named family funds, 1 scholarship fund, 6 workplace giving schemes, 7 Community trusts and 8 Charitable trusts.

\$1.542 Million has been distributed to charities since 2003 with the largest single distribution coming from the Prance Family Trust of \$136,000 in 2011.

During proceedings, Mr Peters presented acknowledgement Certificates to two GreaterGood account holders. Mr John Brook and Mr Michael and Mrs Mardi Linke.

Mr Brook established the Brook Foundation in May 2005 after attending a talk presented by Mr Gillespie. As Mr Brook has no family, the idea of having a foundation in his name to provide funding to his chosen charities was very appealing. In his acknowledgment he said that GreaterGood was a wonderful organisation and he felt happy and secure knowing that his funds were being managed by such a professional organisation.

Michael and Mardi Linke established the Linke Animal Welfare Trust in December 2012 as they are both committed to providing a perpetual fund to support the work of the RSPCA in ACT .



Doug Gillespie, Dr Chris Peters AM, Michael and Mardi Linke, Andrew Taylor

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Distributions

19 January —Hands across Canberra donated \$50.00 to the Smith Family.



31st January—Canberra Shield Charity Golf donated \$1,000.00 to Save the Children.



1st February—Gibson Family Foundation donated \$1,450.00 to the Crookwell Community Trust. This donation will contribute to scholarship funding for future agricultural students in the area.

6th February—Peter Blackshaw Charitable Trust donated \$1,510.00 to ACT Palliative Care.



20 March—Rachel Baker Memorial Fund donated \$482.95 to Cancer Council ACT, in support of Relay for Life.



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