

## About us

GreaterGood is the Canberra Region's only public charitable foundation, established by the Public Trustee for the ACT.

GreaterGood is not a charity, however we are a charitable fund, and our aim is to "Link Good People with Good Causes".

We do this by making it possible for you to establish your own charitable foundations in a low-cost, tax-effective manner under the umbrella of GreaterGood.

You can name your charitable fund, recommend the deductible charities to benefit, receive an immediate tax deduction and see your charities benefit from the income generated perpetually.

GreaterGood currently has in excess of \$6.2 million in individual funds which, in 2010 will have yielded over \$1.1 million in distributions to some 69 charities since 2003.



**Hon Margaret Reid AO**  
**Chair of GreaterGood**

The year that was 2009/10 culminated in the launch of a new website, another group of young people attending a ten day Outward Bound course and a table full of plenty on Christmas day! New accounts were added through the year and

several articles were published and presented in local media.

2009/10 marked a milestone, 5 years of successful operation and a collective total of almost \$921,836 paid out to 39 charities over that time. We expect distributions in 2010 to bring our approximate total to a cumulative \$1.2 million. At the time of writing, trusts managed by GreaterGood total \$6.2 million, an outstanding achievement for a young foundation. This story goes from strength to strength with

the community starting to see the worth of GreaterGood. Our first Workplace Giving account, JACS4GreaterGood, has just reached its first \$20,000 and other departments and businesses are strongly interested in establishing their own workplace giving trust.

GreaterGood continues to give the community a facility to be proud of. As the Foundation grows, so too does its capacity to benefit more charitable organisations and provide perpetual funding.

## Reflections from the Chair

### Bungendore working for the GreaterGood of the Community

The Bungendore Community Foundation (BCF) continues to be well supported and reached a milestone during 2009/10; the annual awarding of grants to local community groups was completely self funded! Previous year's awards required additional financial assistance directly from GreaterGood but BCF is now firmly on its feet and doing what it set out to do: providing permanent and ongoing support to the local community. Four grants totalling \$2,600 were distributed to community groups at the BCF Awards evening. The grant recipients were: the Bungendore Community Garden to encourage people to be involved in sustainable and organic gardening

practices; the Bungendore Showground Trust to help fund the ongoing development of the Showground; the Bungendore Public School's Welfare Account to help needy families with education expenses; and the Lake George Men's Shed to support the establishment of the Shed which will be used to educate and promote men's health and well being and provide services back to the local community.

BCF now has \$45,000 invested under GreaterGood and is looking forward to a bigger and better presentation at the end of the 2010.

## Board Members Recognised

GreaterGood is pleased to report that two Board members received Australia Day Honours.



Deputy Chair Ms Diane Kargas AM received an Australia Medal 'For service to the community of the Australian Capital Territory, particularly through the establishment of the Capital Region Community Foundation, to aged persons, and to diabetes research organisations.'



Mr Paul Braybrooks OAM received an Order of Australia Medal 'For service to the community of Cootamundra, and to local government.'



## GreaterGood Website

Information about GreaterGood can also be accessed from the its website at [greatergood.act.gov.au](http://greatergood.act.gov.au)



## Outward Bound

Young people from the Capital Region once again benefit from The Mundango Charitable Trust, The Bray Kargas Family Fund, The Walter Turnbull Charitable Fund and the Notaras Family Foundation

Outward Bound CEO, Darren Black, believes that outdoor adventures provide an interesting challenge for young people.

"Outward Bound aims to provide young Australians with real life experiences to help them overcome adversity and reach their full potential. We take great pride in helping to develop future leaders," Mr Black said.

The program, completed in December last year, saw 7 young people from the ACT region including Braidwood, Tumut, Ulladulla, Queanbeyan and Canberra attend Outward Bound character forming adventure courses.

This year's four benefactors, The Mundango Charitable Trust, The Bray/Kargas Fund, the Walter Turnbull Fund and the Notaras Family Fund advised that they liked to support youth development in the ACT Region and felt that this could best be achieved in partnership with Outward Bound.

Course participant Rebecca Klomp later said "The course was great! I feel a lot more confident and believe in myself and what I can achieve." Some of the other comments

received from participants are: "This course has shown me that the glass is half FULL." and "I have a love/hate relationship with Outward Bound. It was challenging but in the end worthwhile. I made the best of friends and laughed more in 12 days than I have all year. It locked in the bolts to set me up for my future."

Outward Bound provides outdoor adventures to youth to enable them to draw on their experience to survive and prosper through adversity. Outward Bound is non-profit and was formed nearly seventy years ago based on navy observations that people with life experience were better equipped to survive disasters at sea.

The following comments sum up the benefits of this course for our young people: "I learnt so much about myself from the Outward Bound Navigator Course and it helped me to realise that if I commit to something I will get there. I would definitely recommend it to anyone who is feeling a little lost or low on self esteem, or anyone who wants a challenge."

## Delivering Charitable Good

At 30 June 2010 GreaterGood held \$6.2 million in funds and is approaching the distribution of its one millionth dollar to charity.

You do not need to be famous, gifted or wealthy to create your own charitable trust; any one of us can achieve it under the umbrella of GreaterGood. Shane Warne and George Gregan may have their own foundations but so do 30 plus Canberrans - in their own named funds through GreaterGood - ranging in size from \$20,000 to \$1,800,000.

GreaterGood is attractive because there are no establishment costs (as in Private Ancillary Funds) and the whole of your gifted funds go to work immediately for your recommended charities. There are efficiencies in central administration and funds are invested through the security of the Public Trustee's asset class diversified common funds, providing income for distribution to charities and growth for the future. GreaterGood is an exciting concept being embraced by people in the region - the ability to create their own personal charitable fund. For more information visit [greatergood.org.au](http://greatergood.org.au) or ring the Public Trustee on 62079800.





## Christmas Day Lunch

The Harry and Helen Notaras Memorial Foundation and GreaterGood again joined forces with the Snow Foundation to save the St Johns Care Christmas Lunch which, due to a lack of funding, was at risk of being cancelled. This funding partnership ensures that the Christmas Day tradition continues to benefit approximately 400 people. This year saw the inclusion of Santa Claus (aka Harry Notaras Jnr) and a clown, much to the thrill of children and adults alike.

For the past eight years St John's Care have hosted the Canberra Community Christmas Day Lunch in the St John Parish Hall in Reid. The hall was decorated with three hundred red, white and green balloons and looked fantastic. The 2009 lunch was the happiest so far, the buzz in the hall was electric-people were talking with each other, everyone was so happy. Santa Claus was so impressed that he visited us twice, once to hand out bags of lollies to everyone and the second time to provide presents for the children. A clown spread her happiness around everywhere and Sue, Michael, Nicola and Stefan provided the music. An impromptu choir was formed and everyone

joined in the singing of Christmas Carols.

The Christmas Day Lunch was supported financially by GreaterGood, the Harry and Helen Notaras Memorial Trust and the Snow Foundation. The food was delicious. Burgmann College at the ANU are great supporters of the Christmas Lunch and they have cooked the lunch since 2002. We catered for 375 people, using thirty kilos of turkey breast, seventy two kilos of ham on the bone, forty kilos of potatoes, forty kilos of pumpkin, ten kilos of peas, ten kilos of beans, one kilo of gravox and twelve bottles of cranberry sauce and that was just for the main course. The leftovers – four meals and that was it, no waste (and this year I must remember to buy sixteen bottles of cranberry sauce as they ran out towards the end).

An army of Volunteers helped on the day with the setting up and decorating the hall, serving of food, waiting on tables and then of course the big clean up. By 3:30pm you would not know that there had ever been a function in the hall, but there had been the most wonderful Christmas Day lunch. – Sue Jordan

## Francis Carroll Scholarship



The Francis Carroll Scholarship Fund was established in 2006 and is awarded to a first year student. The student must normally reside in a rural or regional area within the Archdiocese of Canberra/Goulburn or the Diocese of Wagga Wagga and must display commitment to the ethos of the Australian Catholic University (ACU).

The ACU Scholarship and Awards Presentation was held in June 2010 and GreaterGood had the honour of presenting the third Francis Carroll scholarship to Laura Campbell.

## The Bob and Gert Munro Memorial Fund

GreaterGood, on behalf of the Bob and Gert Munro Memorial Fund, presented the Children's Cancer Institute Australia (CCIA) with a \$21,000 cheque. Mr Munro died in 2006 and established this Trust under his will as a lasting memorial to his wife who died from cancer in 1986. Losing Gert to cancer was painful and he wished no-one else to suffer as Gert and himself had, instructing that their memorial fund be used to fund research into the causes, cure and prevention of childhood cancer.



## Open Family Canberra

Open Family Canberra received a much needed boost from the Harry and Helen Notaras Memorial Foundation. Open Family is an outreach service for Canberra's homeless young people and relies upon the communities support and donations to operate. The Notaras family extended a \$5,000 helping hand to this service in dire need of support. The distribution was from annual income generated in the Harry and Helen

Notaras Memorial Foundation. The fund, commemorating the lives of Harry and Helen Notaras, was established under GreaterGood in 2006 by the Notaras children. It is designed to continue through successive generations providing a lasting memory to the Notaras family and founders Harry and Helen and a continuing benefit to the Canberra community.

## Thank you to our donors and sponsors

We would like to express a big thank you to the people of the Canberra Region for supporting their community foundation in the form of the following established accounts within GreaterGood:

### Memorial Accounts

- Bob and Gert Munro Memorial Fund
- Colin Cyril Telfer Memorial Fund
- Eric Crawford Memorial Fund
- Harry and Helen Notaras Foundation
- Matthew Callaghan Memorial Fund
- Molly Murray Foundation
- Johanna Wyld Memorial Fund
- Freida Nomchong Memorial Fund
- Prance Family Memorial Fund
- Ross and Barbara Goode Memorial Fund

- Sally Sinisoff Trust Fund
- Basil Vincent Memorial Fund

### Lifetime Accounts

- (Anonymous) Foundation
- Bray Kargas Family Fund
- Bungendore Community Foundation
- Haddon Spurgeon Charitable Trust
- Peter Blackshaw Charitable Trust
- Silver Birch Foundation
- The Mundango Charitable Trust
- The Young Charitable Fund

### Corporate Accounts

- Aerial 4 GreaterGood Workplace Giving Fund
- Common Ground ACT
- JACS4GreaterGood Workplace Giving Fund

- King Financial Services Charitable Trust
- Our Wellness Foundation
- OurWellness@Health Workplace Giving Fund
- Walter Turnbull Charitable Fund
- Other Accounts
- Belconnen Minor Rugby League
- Canberra Disaster Recovery Fund
- Canberra Shield Charity Golf Day
- Francis Carroll Scholarship Fund

### Sponsors

- Bluestar Print
- Corporate Express
- WalterTurnbull and PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Zoo Group
- Yellow Edge

## Recipients from the 2009/2010 Financial Year

Our charitable accounts made distributions to the following causes in the past year:

- Actionaid
- Anglicare Australia
- Australian Cancer Research Foundation
- Australian Catholic University Scholarship
- Australian Red Cross Society
- Bungendore Community Landcare Inc
- Bungendore Public School Education Welfare Program
- Bungendore Showground Trust
- Canberra Jewish Educational Building Fund
- Care Australia
- CBM Australia
- Centre For Mental Health Research ANU
- Child Fund Australia
- Companion House
- Guide Dogs NSW / ACT
- Kidney Health Australia
- Lake George Men's Shed Community Development
- Leprosy Mission Australia
- Make A Wish Foundation Of Australia
- Medecins Sans Frontieres
- Mission Australia
- Northbourne Community Centre
- Open Family
- Outward Bound Australia
- Oxfam Australia
- Paperworks Incorporated
- Parentline ACT
- Royal Institute For Deaf & Blind Children
- RSPCA
- Sane Australia
- Scouts ACT
- St Johns Care
- St Vincent De Paul Society
- Tandem Respite Care
- The Canberra Endometriosis Centre
- The Fred Hollows Foundation
- The Salvation Army
- The Sanctuary Counselling Centre
- The Spastic Centre
- Unicef Australia
- Vision Australia
- Vision Impaired Sport ACT
- Wheelchair & Disabled Association Of Australia
- Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service
- World Vision Australia