

Your Social Investment



THE WORK OF OUR CHARITY PARTNERS

Your support has enabled Future Generation Australia to invest over \$16 million in Australian charities since 2015. Our charity partners value this annual contribution, as they often work with the uncertainty of short-term grants and fluctuating public donations.

As you will see, your social investment supports vulnerable children and young people in a variety of ways. The impact is equally broad, from the life-changing opportunity of a school scholarship, to developing an internationally ground-breaking communication system for children with severe autism.

Our charity partners tell us that having Future Generation Australia's support has often been the impetus for innovating and driving improvements in their work. This is critical in the pursuit of a brighter future for all young Australians.

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INVESTMENT & SOCIAL RETURNS



actforkids.com.au

What is the purpose of the funded work?

Every day 130 Australian children suffer abuse or neglect. With Future Generation Australia's support, Act for Kids provides therapy to help children overcome the trauma of sexual, physical and emotional abuse and neglect.

What have been the outcomes to date?

Across Australia 778 children have received free trauma-informed therapy over the last five years. This support gives traumatised children a second chance at childhood and can be life changing. Evaluation shows that there were statistically significant improvements (moderate to large effects) in both child wellbeing and parent/carer behaviour after participating in Act for Kids therapy. On average, children exiting therapy were observed to have greater emotional wellbeing, an improved sense of belonging and identity, better relationships with peers and family and to be meeting their developmental milestones.

What is your focus for the coming year?

We will continue to provide free trauma therapy to children in need with Future Generation Australia's support. Act for Kids last year helped 46,084 people impacted by child abuse and neglect however we still have a waiting list at every one of our 28 therapy centres. During the coronavirus lockdown, many children have been spending more time with people who harm or neglect them, and less time with their usual support networks. Demand for our child and family services has increased 20% since isolation began and sadly, we are expecting up to a 300% increase in child harm disclosures.



acmf.com.au

What have been the outcomes to date?

Over 1,200 children participate annually, joining a 45 minute group lesson each week, or 30 hours of lessons over the course of a year. Students, parents and communities come together through concerts and other musical activities with each school holding several annual performances. Two events have also been held at the Manning Entertainment Centre in Taree, featuring ACMF and other local schools, with over 700 community members attending.

Evaluation shows ACMF music classes not only develop musical skills but improve self-esteem, focus and engagement in other areas of learning. On average, teachers in the 12 schools reported that the music classes positively affected 80% of students' self-confidence and 56% of students' attendance at school. They observed that music classes had a positive effect on 74% of students' engagement, discipline and focus in class. Teachers reported 54% of students improved numeracy and 57% improved literacy through participating in the music classes.

What is your focus for the coming year?

ACMF will continue to provide weekly music lessons for 1,200 children in these schools.

What is the purpose of the funded work?

The Australian Children's Music Foundation (ACMF) provides free, long-term music classes and instruments to disadvantaged children to inspire creativity, nurture self-esteem and improve educational outcomes. Future Generation Australia has enabled music programs in five schools in Taree on the mid-north coast of NSW and seven schools in West Melbourne.



aief.com.au

What is the purpose of the funded work?

The Australian Indigenous Education Foundation's (AIEF) mission is to empower young Indigenous people to build a brighter future for themselves and for the nation. It provides scholarship funding for Indigenous students to complete Year 12 or tertiary studies and career support to help them transition successfully to employment.

What have been the outcomes to date?

Since 2015, with Future Generation Australia's support, 21 Indigenous students have been educated at schools across Australia and graduated from Year 12. In 2019, 91% of AIEF scholarship students completed their school year, including Year 12.

The AIEF Scholarship Program has supported 625 secondary graduates and 75 tertiary graduates since starting in 2008 and currently offers around 400 scholarships at 29 boarding schools and universities nationwide. 91% of the participating AIEF Alumni are productively engaged in further studies, employment or other pursuits, including one in five working or studying in their home community.

What is your focus for the coming year?

The AIEF Class of 2020 Graduation and Celebration event will be held online for the almost 80 students graduating across Australia on 17 August 2020. We will welcome a new cohort of students into their boarding houses for the academic year in late January/early February 2021. We will also continue targeted support for our Alumni negatively impacted by the coronavirus crisis.

What have been the outcomes to date?

Epidermolysis Bullosa patient numbers have grown by 73% in the last five years. To support them, our primary strategy has been to develop state centres of excellence in hospitals in Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney.

We have established two specialist paediatric nurse positions in Melbourne and Brisbane with the latter now funded by QLD Health. A further two 'transition' nurses based in Sydney and Melbourne support patients moving into adult hospital systems.

We have supported seven nurses to attend international training. Nurses have provided 10,500 hours of in-home help to families struggling with dressing regimes. DEBRA has provided training to over 130 health professionals and as well as ongoing support to a variety of hospital staff working with children with Epidermolysis Bullosa.

83% of participants in our pilot Counselling Service that commenced in 2018 reported it improved their lives significantly. This Service has been extended nationally, via telehealth.

What is your focus for the coming year?

We will continue to expand our support, establishing a transition nurse position in Brisbane, a Youth Wellbeing program and by attending multi-disciplinary clinics nationally to offer support and expand awareness.



debra.org.au

What is the purpose of the funded work?

Epidermolysis Bullosa is a rare disease whereby the skin blisters and peels at the slightest touch. Future Generation Australia supports Debra's core work enhancing clinical outcomes and quality of life for children and young people living with Epidermolysis Bullosa.



diabetesnsw.com.au

What is the purpose of the funded work?

Children with type 1 diabetes can feel different, afraid and isolated. The Diabetes Kids Fund enables various activities that bring ‘Connection, Confidence, Community’ to these children and their families.

What have been the outcomes to date?

Future Generation Australia’s support has enabled a new program to ensure children feel safe and confident managing their diabetes at school. Due to its success, within five years the Federal Government implemented and funded a National Schools Program for children with type 1 diabetes.

Future Generation Australia now supports Diabuddies Days, where children living with type 1 diabetes meet each other and discover they are not alone, share ideas and have fun. In 2019, more than 1,500 people attended Diabuddies Days in Sydney, Orange, Wagga Wagga, Newcastle, Penrith, Canberra, Brisbane, Rockhampton, Cairns and Bundaberg.

75% of attendees agreed all family members’ emotional well-being had improved as a result of attending, 58% agreed the child with diabetes was better engaged with school and 92% of attendees reported improved confidence in accessing services and a greater connection with the diabetes community.

What is your focus for the coming year?

Diabuddies Days launched online in July 2020. New online capabilities will allow us to deepen the impact by reaching children and their families in many more locations and more frequently.



giantsteps.net.au

What have been the outcomes to date?

The establishment of Giant Steps Melbourne in 2016 with 11 students. The school has now grown to 24 students and will expand to 80 students in 2022.

A ground-breaking in-school expressive communications system for children with severe autism, which has attracted international attention as a best-practice model. As a result, all 130 students in our schools and adult program are able to communicate more independently with improved confidence. 75% of students have also shown behavioural improvements.

The Autism Training Hub launched in December 2019 to meet increasing demand for high quality professional learning. Over 160 participants have engaged in face-to-face training and 100% rated the training positively. All participants identified at least three things to add or change in working with individuals with autism.

What is your focus for the coming year?

The coronavirus crisis has encouraged us to adapt to online delivery and expand our reach. We will design up to ten online courses and attract at least 350 participants. We were recently engaged by the NSW Department of Education and Training’s Disability Innovation Team to deliver a pilot learning program for teachers. We hope to expand this to support more young people with autism in mainstream schools.

What is the purpose of the funded work?

Future Generation Australia has supported the development and expansion of Giant Steps’ core work, providing best practice in the treatment and education of children with autism.



**Lighthouse
Foundation**

A place where
homeless kids belong

lighthousefoundation.org.au

What is the purpose of the funded work?

Future Generation Australia secures the operations of four of the 10 Lighthouse homes. These provide a stable home with around the clock therapeutic care for young people who are homeless and from backgrounds of long-term neglect and abuse.

What have been the outcomes to date?

Over one hundred vulnerable young people have permanently ended their state of homelessness with Future Generation Australia's support.

The successful transition of these young people is directly related to their healing from trauma and building attachment with each other, their carers and the Lighthouse community.

Having Future Generation Australia support our core work has also enabled Lighthouse to pilot innovations to combat homelessness among groups at high risk. This includes those in early and forced marriage, young parents and babies, children experiencing traumatic foster care placement breakdown and very young siblings in crisis situations.

What is your focus for the coming year?

Growing the Lighthouse Foster Care program which replicates Lighthouse's successful model with 10 foster families around a central hub. Foster care placement breakdown is a major contributor to youth homelessness and we aim to show how additional support can help keep foster families resilient. The ongoing coronavirus crisis means additional remote learning support is required for the young people in Lighthouse homes and that we evolve delivery of outreach, counselling sessions and support for carers.

What have been the outcomes to date?

Future Generation Australia has enabled Mirabel to provide 1,568 children in Victoria and New South Wales with crisis support and assistance. Each child has had a comprehensive needs assessment, intensive crisis support and access to Therapeutic Children's Groups and educational assistance.

99% of the children who have been part of this program have remained with their siblings in a family environment. On leaving the program, an average 98% of children reported an improved or stable sense of wellbeing, 96% reported a positive ongoing relationship with their carer, 84% were employed or in education and 75% had positive future plans.

What is your focus for the coming year?

Demand for Mirabel's service continues to grow, with an average yearly increase of 20% since 2015. We remain committed to meeting this increasing demand and never turning a child away who is in need. The development of Zoom tutoring and homework groups grew out of necessity during the coronavirus lockdown but its success has paved the way for expansion to support more children in remote areas of Victoria and NSW.



mirabelfoundation.org.au

What is the purpose of the funded work?

Mirabel's Toddler to Teen Program improves the lives of children who have been orphaned or abandoned due to their parents' drug use. The aim is for the children and their carers, 80% of whom are grandparents, to receive sufficient support to enable the children to remain with their siblings in a family environment.


 raise

raise.org.au

What is the purpose of the funded work?

Future Generation Australia has supported the expansion of Raise's core work delivering best practice mentoring in high schools. Raise mentoring empowers young people to be resilient, capable and connected, and upskills the adults in their lives to support them. Raise's goal is to deliver mentoring into every public secondary school in Australia by 2025.

What have been the outcomes to date?

Raise has increased its reach from 309 mentoring matches in 2014 to 1,027 matches in 2019. Future Generation Australia's support has specifically enabled 884 young people to participate in weekly in-school mentoring sessions for two terms with a trained volunteer mentor. This has meant Raise mentoring has been delivered in 59 high schools that were previously on a waiting list.

In 2019 Raise achieved a statistically significant impact in building mentee resilience, coping skills, relationships, school completion, employability, hope for the future and ability to ask for help. 90% of mentees said their mentor helped them feel better about school and make better choices and 85% said things are different for them because of mentoring. 90% of schools said the program helped build individual and collective wellbeing and 100% asked for the program again.

What is your focus for the coming year?

Grow our reach to 1,200 mentoring matches in 2020 and 2,500 in 2021. Due to the coronavirus, we will also be adapting our program for safe and effective online delivery.

What have been the outcomes to date?

Over 60,000 books have been gifted to 5,000 children living in vulnerable communities across Australia with the support of Future Generation Australia. Parents have been encouraged to foster reading and literacy through reading tip sheets that accompany each book.

United Way communicates with families and community partners through monthly newsletters and social media, to build a community culture of valuing reading and literacy.

What is your focus for the coming year?

United Way will be continuing to reach children across Australia with early literacy materials to ensure they start school ready to thrive. Due to the challenges posed by COVID-19, our main focus will be on maintaining children already enrolled in the Imagination Library and expanding our reach if possible.


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United Way
Australia

unitedway.com.au

What is the purpose of the funded work?

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library is an early childhood literacy project. Working with local communities, the Library distributes free books to vulnerable children aged 0-5 in NSW, QLD, VIC, SA and WA.



variety.org.au

What is the purpose of the funded work?

Just Like You is a disability awareness and education program delivered by professional facilitators who also have a disability. It is designed to increase primary school children's awareness and knowledge of people with a disability to increase inclusive behaviour and participation of children with a disability.

What have been the outcomes to date?

Future Generation Australia has enabled 35,509 children to participate in the program since 2018 and the geographical reach has expanded from Sydney to include Newcastle, Central Coast and the ACT.

Evaluation of the program shows a 13% improvement in student's use of appropriate language to describe people with disabilities, a 5% improvement in students being able to take appropriate actions around people with disabilities and a 27% improvement in students being able to give an example of a disability.

More than 80% of teachers agreed that following the workshops there has been an increase in the number of students that can comfortably include people with a disability during their education, socialising and play.

The program has also provided employment for nine facilitators, all of whom are living with a disability.

What is your focus for the coming year?

The program will return to delivering face to face sessions as coronavirus restrictions ease. However, it can now be successfully delivered digitally, which presents an opportunity to reach more students in other states and regional areas.

What have been the outcomes to date?

The Aboriginal Cultural Connections program has supported over 110 young people through the juvenile justice system, providing advocacy and in-court support, as well as aftercare.

We know from research and our own experience that education and training programs are a cost-effective way to reduce recidivism among younger offenders, so the program has also offered a range of development and skill building programs to reconnect Aboriginal young people with their culture. These have included 17 cultural camps for 140 young people, 32 arts programs for 171 young people, 10 young men's groups that teach role-modelling and 20 community events attended by more than 2,500 people.

Only 10-15% of participants in our court support program have reoffended within 12 months.

What is your focus for the coming year?

We are introducing a trauma-informed approach to cultural healing, based on the Aboriginal practice of Dadirri (inner listening and quiet, still awareness) to further support our young people onto positive pathways.



youthoffthestreets.com.au

What is the purpose of the funded work?

Among young Aboriginal offenders in NSW, 69% of those released in 2018 reoffended within 12 months¹. Future Generation Australia enables Youth Off The Streets to combat the over representation of young Aboriginal people in the juvenile justice system by supporting them to connect with their culture and choose positive paths away from reoffending.

¹ NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics & Research

