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Welcome



We are excited to bring to you our revised GreaterGood e-News.

e-News will be published 6 monthly and will bring to you news, achievements and stories about this much valued community facility.

Established in 2003 by the Public Trustee for the ACT, GreaterGood has achieved a commendable record in the ACT community.

GreaterGood combines the trust, strength and permanence of the Public Trustee for the ACT with the flexibility to incorporate your philanthropic needs whether it be corporate, family, will bequest, scholarship, environmental or workplace-giving.

We invite you to logon to our website at www.greatergood.org.au to find out about how you can use GreaterGood to deliver your philanthropic aims, simply, securely efficiently and at minimal cost.

We trust you find GreaterGood e-News interesting and informative.

Andrew Taylor
TRUSTEE

greater
good

Noun(edit)

greatergood (uncountable)

The benefit of the public,
of more people than oneself;
that which is better and more
correct.

About GreaterGood

Established in 2003, Canberra's first Public Charitable Foundation, GreaterGood (The Capital Region Community Foundation), is a Public Ancillary Fund under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

Aptly named, GreaterGood seeks to 'link good people with good causes'. We are not a charity however we seek to bring charitable foundations within the grasp of ordinary Canberrans enabling everyone in our community to go about their charitable business leaving the fund management issues to us.

At the date of this report GreaterGood had \$14 Million in accumulated capital comprising 80 separate funds all working to inject perpetual income into worthwhile causes in our City and Region.



Meet our people

Patron



Lady Helen Deane has been patron of GreaterGood since its establishment.

Board



Chair - Larry King former Executive Director of the Law Society of the ACT.



Renee Le Grande, General Manager, ACT Institute of Chartered Accountants

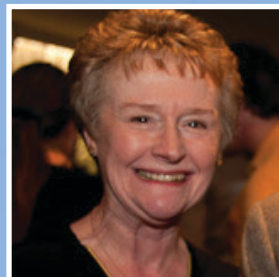


Dianne O'Hara, Chief Executive Officer, ACT Law Society.

Trustee



Andrew Taylor is Public Trustee for the Australian Capital Territory, and Trustee for the Capital Region Community Foundation.



Maureen Cane, Canberra Citizen of the Year 2011, CEO Volunteering ACT.



Laurie Wilson, President of the National Press Club of Australia.



Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston AC, AFC (Ret'd) formerly Chief of the Defence Force from 2005 until 2011.



Justice Richard Refshauge, Judge - ACT Supreme Court.



Doug Gillespie, Senior Deputy Public Trustee.



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Workplace giving



Our flexible and adaptable workplace giving scheme has been adopted by two government and two private sector workplaces.

It's a structured means for employers and employees to donate to charitable causes with deductible gift recipient status, through automated payroll deductions.

Many workplace giving schemes are established by charities themselves as a means of fundraising ensuring that the benefit goes to that charity only.

The GreaterGood scheme provides for permanent distributions, freedom to decide who benefits and without administrative or establishment costs.

Flexibility is the key with endowment funds...you can benefit different charities each year and the scheme continues to provide benefit long after its members have left.

Becoming a philanthropist through a workplace giving scheme is a simple yet powerful statement for both employers/employees and your community.

....and remember, 100% of contributions go to work immediately to provide benefit.

Download a Fact Sheet from our website at www.greatergood.org.au and call us on (02) 6207 9800 for information about how you can establish a scheme in your workplace to benefit your chosen charities.

Set up workplace-giving in your workplace today... The GreaterGood way!

Step 1

Its easy to establish, call us on (02) 6207 9800. We'll help you design a payroll deduction form and intranet page. There is no establishment or administrative cost. Your payroll office will deduct the amount nominated by your individual staff members from their pay into your workplace giving account with GreaterGood. Deductions are recorded on your PAYG Payment Summary.

Step 2

Your donation keeps on giving in perpetuity. Your scheme will be advised of the amount available for annual distribution to your recommended Deductible Gift Recipient charity and you can then recommend us to make the payment and/or arrange a promotional cheque handover at a social club function. A gift through your workplace giving scheme with GreaterGood goes significantly further as it keeps in giving - making a difference where it matters most.

Step 3

Regular giving through your workplace giving scheme with GreaterGood allows charities to plan confidently for the future and saves on their administration costs. Meaning you're supporting them in more ways than one.



The gift that keeps on giving

Doug Gillespie

Deputy Public Trustee

Today we hear of many worthy community and charitable causes competing for public support and we may well wish they could help the Canberra's struggling charities more.

Philanthropy may be growing but household budgets leave limited dollars spare for even our most favoured causes. So it makes sense for charities to explore innovative ways to attract not only immediate funds but ongoing support for the future.

Everyone - governments, trustees, financial institutions and other professionals - should encourage philanthropy in any way that appeals to the giver and this may include giving tax concessions and offering the convenience and ongoing recognition available through named family charitable funds.

Family charitable funds have been available since 2001 when the government introduced the concept of the Private Ancillary Funds (PAF) to receive capital for investment, give an immediate tax deduction and generate an income for annual distribution to worthy charities. PAFs can be created with the help of your lawyer and accountant and the attraction is the ability to settle capital and maintain ongoing involvement.

An even more accessible and cost effective way of creating a family charitable fund is through Canberra's local charitable foundation, GreaterGood. GreaterGood provides an umbrella facility for charitably minded people to establish their own named charitable account with a settlement of

funds of as little as \$20,000 attracting full tax deductibility and no establishment costs. GreaterGood has brought the concept of an ongoing charitable fund into the reach of everyday people. Funds are invested for both growth and income and recipient charities receive helpful annual distributions to fund their charitable works; distributions that will increase with time and go on forever, truly a gift that keeps on giving.

Under your will, you can create your own named commemorative charitable fund to ensure that your support of charities can be ongoing. The fund will safeguard your capital as you have done during your lifetime and will distribute the annual income to your recommended charities.

Additionally there are capital gains tax advantages regarding assets that carry a potential tax liability.

For further information on this attractive charitable option please visit www.greatergood.org.au or ring Tracey Jay of GreaterGood on (02) 6207 9800 for an information pack. The Public Trustee www.publictrustee.act.gov.au provides a will service for persons wishing to provide for a GreaterGood fund under their will.



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Events



Public Trustee staff Amanda Haynes and Luke Frankcombe at the Expo

Seniors Day Expo 2014

Organised by COTA (ACT), the 2014 Seniors Day Expo held 20 March was a great opportunity to promote community organisations and drew strong crowds. Participating organisations commented favourably on the level of positive enquiry at this event.

GreaterGood was represented at the Expo and Public Trustee Staff answered questions on Wills, Power of Attorney, Family Provision, Estates and Charitable Foundations.



Liz McNeill and Yumiko Endo-Everton at the Expo

Retirement And Lifestyle Expo 2014

Organised by Exhibition and Marketing Services and held annually, the ACT Retirement and Lifestyle Expo is an important event and major exhibition displaying everything relating to planning, retirement living and lifestyle issues.

GreaterGood was represented at the 2014 Expo from 16 – 18 May providing information answering questions and providing handouts.



Around the funds

The Canberra Hospital Foundation

The Canberra Hospital Foundation has partnered with GreaterGood to develop and maintain an ongoing philanthropic relationship with Woolworths. Woolworths donates to Paediatrics at Canberra Hospital and funds are raised primarily by Woolworths volunteers hosting weekly BBQ's at Canberra Hospital. The funds raised are used for the purchase of equipment, to support research and to enhance facilities for young patients, their families and carers. Canberra Hospital Foundation Manager Alexis Mohay said "The Canberra Hospital Foundation is grateful for our partnership with the Public Trustee for ACT particularly in relation to their in-depth knowledge and expertise".

The Canberra Hospital Foundation has grown in leaps and bounds since its launch in 2011 and is recognised as a philanthropic cause at the heart of the community. The Foundation raised over \$1.2 million in 2013/14 with every dollar going towards the provision of care to patients in the hospital. The impact the Foundation has had in enhancing patients' experiences at the hospital has been made possible thanks to the expertise and support of the Public Trustee through the GreaterGood Fund, as well as the generosity of the Canberra community and corporate sector.

Ms Mohay said "The Canberra Hospital Foundation is incredibly grateful to be part of GreaterGood and looks forward to continuing and expanding on this partnership into the future." For more information about the Canberra Hospital Foundation please visit the website at www.canberarahospitalfoundation.org.au or like the Canberra Hospital Foundation facebook page www.facebook.com/CanberraHospitalFoundation.

BillBerry Blue Stocking Fund

On 7 May 2014 half a dozen MAMILs (mature aged men in lycra) rode 1,000 kilometres from Lake Burley Griffin to Port Phillip Bay.

Robin Brown (principal) along with 5 colleagues cycled from Canberra to Melbourne donating \$1,220.00 from the BillBerry Blue Stocking Fund to his favoured charity Indigo. The ride attracted donations from the public and Indigo will use the funds for an education and empowerment program for young women and girls in the Solomon Islands.

Launched by ABC News anchor Virginia Haussegger, herself a keen supporter of Indigo, the riders completed the journey in 8 days, weaving through Cooma, Delegate, Orbost, Bairnsdale, Traralgon, Drouin and finally to Melbourne raising \$11,000. Robin hopes to make the ride an annual event and to attract more riders.

Visit Billberry Blue Stocking Fund at - billberryride.com/billberry-bluestocking-fund



Robin Brown (left) Virginia Haussegger (3rd from left) with riders

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Around the funds cont.

Vision Australia Fund - Morning of Celebration

GreaterGood was represented at the Vision Australia, 'Morning of Celebration' on 14 May 2014 celebrating the Further Education Bursary Award recipients, presenting volunteer service pins and thanking donors and supporters.

GreaterGood's own Eric Crawford Memorial Fund and Sally Sinisoff Fund chose Vision Australia as the preferred charity and cheques for distributions of \$19,750 and \$9,050 were made to Vision Australia CEO Mr Ron Hooton bringing the total distributions to Vision Australia by GreaterGood to \$282,000.

Visit Vision Australia at www.visionaustralia.org



Doug Gillespie, Andrew Taylor & Ron Hooton at the Vision Australia function

Footprints Forever Foundation

Footprints Forever Foundation was launched on 10 January 2014. In launching the Foundation, Mark and Sheila Lynch wrote "Of utmost consideration to us in creating the Foundation was to ensure all funds would be managed professionally and with integrity by the most reputable source. The Public Trustee for the ACT, with its board of highly regarded public figures, was the obvious choice. As such, we deposited a substantial amount of capital with the Public Trustee for the ACT."

Footprints Forever honours the life of Mark and Sheila's daughter Jamie Leigh Lynch, and the indelible impression she left upon those who knew and met her. Her love and care of animals, great and small, forms part of her legacy and inspired the creation of this fund.

Congratulations to Team Jim Jam on raising \$14,689.00 for the RSPCA in 2014. Team Jim Jam was formed in 2013 by Mark and Sheila Lynch when they first participated in the Million Paws Walk to support the cause that Jamie-Leigh was so passionate about. They have officially been named the highest fundraising team Australia wide for the second year in a row. The team looked great walking in their Footprints Forever Foundation Tee-shirts.

Visit Footprints forever at - footprintsforeverfoundation.org.au



Team Jim Jam looking great in their Footprints Forever Foundation T-Shirts



Around the funds cont.

Aerial Capital Group - Workplace-Giving

Aerial Capital Group General Manager Phil Skipper announced a workplace giving scheme distribution of \$2,760.00 to the Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS). In accepting the cheque, DVCS Executive Director, Mirjana Wilson said that the funds would be used for food packages, cab transport from home to police station and/or emergency accommodation.

Aerial has made a commitment to support DVCS into the future and this cheque marks the fourth distribution from Aerial since establishment of the fund in April 2010.



Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS) Executive Director Mirjana Wilson, General Manager Aerial Taxis, and staff of DVCS Carmel and Deanne

Francis Carroll Scholarship Fund

The Francis Carroll Scholarship Fund was established by public appeal in 2006, in honour of Archbishop Carroll's contribution to the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, on the occasion of his retirement as Archbishop. One scholarship valued at \$2,500 is available each year and is open to students from the Canberra Campus, Australian Catholic University (ACU) who have relocated from rural or regional areas of the Archdiocese of Canberra/Goulburn or the Diocese of Wagga Wagga.

GreaterGood attended the ACU's Scholarships and Awards Ceremony and presented Sarah O'Brien with the Francis Carroll Scholarship. Sarah is from regional NSW who is in her first year studying her Bachelor of Education (Primary).

Visit the Scholarship site at www.acu.edu.au.



GreaterGood Executive Officer Tracey Jay presenting the 2014 scholarship to Sarah O'Brien

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Around the funds cont.

PoorCountry Charitable Trust

A ceremonial cheque presentation was held at the Mission Australia Early Learning Centre, Russell Hill used by Defence Force personnel. The funds, made possible by the PoorCountry Charitable Trust, were accepted by Regional Leader Mission Australia Cheryl O'Donnell, and Centre Director Linda Denny and will be used to re-establish gardens at the Centre which will be planted and tended by the children and carers. The children are provided with four meals a day and the cook is intending to use food grown on site, in the childrens meals and the centre is also going to develop a nutritional awareness program for the children.



Doug Gillespie, Tracey Jay of GreaterGood presenting the cheque to Centre Director Linda Denny and Regional Leader Mission Australia Cheryl O'Donnell

The Public Trustee for the ACT will celebrate Seniors Week 2015 at the Stall No 61, Seniors Expo, Thoroughbred Park, Tuesday 17 March 9.30am-3.00pm

ACT Justice and Community Safety (JACS) Directorate - Workplace-Giving

The JACS workplace giving scheme 'JACS4GreaterGood' held its annual Trivia night at the Deakin Sports Club in August 2014. Over 200 JACS staff attended raising \$7,250 from trivia, music, pictionary and bingo.

During the evening, Dr Paul Craft, Medical Oncologist at The Canberra Hospital and board member at ACT Cancer Council accepted this year's JACS4GreaterGood distribution cheque for \$4,320.00 from JACS Director-General Alison Playford.



Dr Paul Craft receiving the cheque from Alison Playford





New funds established

The Arthur Edward Smith Memorial Fund

Mr Arthur Edward Smith established a Memorial Fund when making his Will with the Public Trustee. Mr Smith requested that the benefit of his fund be distributed to the RSPCA towards the welfare of cats and kittens.

Spaul Family Charitable Fund

The Spaul family approached GreaterGood establishing a family fund as the most effective way for them to perpetually support their chosen charities.

Linda Brown Trust

This trust was formed under Will by Herlinde Maria Heirlanda Treichl-Brown who passed away on 9 November 1987. The Trust was initially established with Burns Philp Trustee Company Limited (retired) and the Public Trustee ACT was appointed the new trustee in December 2010. The trust has two charitable beneficiaries, Guide Dogs Association Victoria and World Wide Fund.



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Donate online to a greatergood fund

Canberra Connect provides access to a range of Government information and services. By arrangement with Canberra Connect, GreaterGood now accepts donations online direct to GreaterGood fund accounts. A facility has been developed at <http://www.greatergood.org.au/greatergood-fund> through which tax deductible donations may be made simply and conveniently online to a range of GreaterGood funds. You will receive a tax-deductible receipt at the time of making your payment and your donation may be anonymous if you so wish.

Distributions since January 1 2014

Aerial4GreaterGood	\$2,670.00
Basil Vincent Memorial Fund	\$17,500.00
Belconnen Minor Rugby League	\$5,256.00
BillBerry Blue Stocking Fund	\$1,220.00
Bob & Gert Munro Memorial Fund	\$15,890.00
Bray Kargas Family Fund	\$3,700.00
Bungendore Community Foundation	\$3,800.00
Capital Woodland and Wetlands	\$51,467.00
Colin Telfer Memorial Fund	\$27,099.00
Common Ground	\$3,700.00
Downes Family Memorial Fund	\$500.00
Eric Crawford Memorial Fund	\$39,500.00
Footprints Forever Foundation	\$143.00
Francis Carroll Scholarship Fund	\$2,500.00
Freida Nomchong Memorial Fund	\$3,270.00
Gibson Family Foundation	\$300.00
Giving Heart Canberra's Health	\$369.00
Haddon Spurgeon Charitable Trust	\$2,043.00
Hands Across Canberra	\$62,313.00
Hands Across Canberra - Gift Fund	\$50.00
Harry and Helen Notaras Memorial Fund	\$5,000.00
Jacs4GreaterGood	\$4,020.00

Johanna Wyld Memorial Fund	\$6,900.00
King Financial Services Charitable Trust	\$3,336.00
Linda Brown Trust	\$13,272.00
Matthew Callaghan Memorial Fund	\$1,080.00
Molly Murray Foundation	\$10,000.00
Mundango Charitable Trust	\$5,834.00
Nancy Martin Memorial Fund	\$807.00
Palmer Family Memorial Fund	\$12,130.00
Peter Blackshaw Charitable Trust	\$670.00
PoorCountry Charitable Trust	\$31,800.00
Prance Family Trust Fund	\$88,000.00
Rachel Baker Memorial Fund	\$63.00
Richardson Family Trust	\$1,440.00
Ross and Barbara Goode Memorial Fund	\$414.00
Sally Sinisoff Trust Fund	\$9,050.00
The Canberra Hospital Foundation	\$4,512.63
The Gibson Family Foundation	\$2,175.00
The Silver Birch Foundation	\$4,260.00
The Young Charity Fund	\$3,380.00
Woolridge and Burrow Memorial Fund	\$2,170.00
Young Family Foundation	\$950.00
TOTAL	\$454,553.63





Financials and audit

End of Year audit

The Special Purpose Financial Statements of the Capital Region Community Foundation Gift and Open Funds for the year ended 30 June 2014 were audited by the ACT Auditor-General.

The Auditor-General commented that the financial statements of both funds present fairly in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 2014 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended, in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Declaration of Trust described in Notes 2 of the financial statements.

Public Ancillary Fund Auditors Statement of Compliance

GreaterGood is a community foundation incorporating a Public Ancillary Fund and is required to undergo an annual audit to ensure compliance with the Public Ancillary (PuAF) Guidelines prepared by the Australian Taxation Office.

The ACT Auditor-General undertook an audit for 2013-14 and found that GreaterGood was in compliance with the Guidelines.

End of Year Financial position

Open Fund

In 2013-14 the Open Fund recorded Income of \$988,029 compared with \$594,443 for the previous year and Expenses (including charitable distributions) of \$157,734 compared to \$215,826 for the previous year.

Gift Fund

In 2013-14 the Gift Fund recorded Income of \$1,393,644 compared with \$1,838,719 for the previous year and Expenses (including charitable distributions) of \$382,092 compared to \$300,715 for the previous year.

The PuAF Guidelines include a change in the annual distribution requirement from net income (as per previous ATO requirements) to 4% of the value of capital as at the start of the year. The auditor certified that GreaterGood has distributed the required 4% of the value of the capital.

From GreaterGood to all our contributors, supporters, stakeholders and the community, we wish you all a happy and safe festive season and new beginnings for 2015.

Financial Position at 30 June 2014

Open Fund -	\$3,942,255
Gift Fund -	\$9,319,758
Total Equity -	\$13,262,013



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