



Sir David Martin Foundation Annual Report 2012



HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE IN CRISIS



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1.1 ABOUT THE SIR DAVID MARTIN FOUNDATION

Overview

The Sir David Martin Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that raises funds and awareness for young people suffering problems such as substance abuse, mental illness, family breakdown, violence and juvenile crime. We fund a range of programs that support young people and assist them to transform their lives.

History

The Foundation was created in 1990 by the late Governor of NSW, Sir David Martin KCMG AO, who had a dream of "safety, hope and opportunity for all young Australians".

While in office, Sir David witnessed first hand, the number of homeless and disadvantaged young people, who had no one to care about them or their future.

His wish, upon retirement, was to help create an environment where young people from disadvantaged backgrounds could grow up with the resources to achieve their full potential. The Foundation works to realise Sir David's dream by raising funds for innovative and effective youth crisis programs run by Mission Australia.

Values

Our Goal	Our Vision	Our Mission
To get more young people off the streets, away from unhealthy situations and into care and rehabilitation.	To create an environment where young people can grow up in safety, with hope and opportunity.	To provide the programs and financial resources necessary, to enable young people to achieve their full potential.



SIR DAVID MARTIN FOUNDATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Back, from left to right: Rear Admiral Chris Oxenbould AO RAN (Rtd), Mr David Adams, Mr David Wills (Chairman), Mr Michael Crowley. Front, from left to right: Mr Robert Ho OAM, Lady Martin OAM, Mrs Maggi Morgan, Rear Admiral Tony Horton AO RAN (Rtd). Absent from photo is Mr Tony Dicken.

1.2 MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN - DAVID WILLS



The Foundation has much to celebrate this financial year. Despite uncertainty globally surrounding the Euro debt crisis, the significant problems in the US and the difficulties in sections of the Australian economy, support for the Sir David Martin Foundation has remained robust.

This year the Foundation raised \$3,731,706 which is 60% up on last year. We also have a surplus for the year of \$716,528, much of which will be distributed to our programs in 2013. These funds have been used to fund a number of extremely worthwhile programs including Triple Care Farm, Creative Youth Initiatives, The Shopfront Youth Legal Centre and South West Youth Services.

In the past 12 months:

- 128 young people attended the Triple Care Farm program
- 48 young people attended the Creative Youth Initiatives program
- 238 young people were represented by The Shopfront Youth Legal Centre and
- 116 people were supported by South West Youth Services.

In fact, the Foundation has continued to expand its support of youth services to meet the increasing needs of marginalised youth. This year South West Youth Services increased the number of services to include the Post Release Support Program to help existing Juvenile Justice

wards successfully integrate back into their community, and the Youth Crime Prevention Program to offer educational, training and employment opportunities to young people who are at risk of developing further criminal behaviours.

Already, the Post Release Support Program has helped 32 young people and the Youth Crime Prevention Program has supported 42 young people. The efficacy of these new programs is undeniable. In fact, at the time of publication the Macquarie Fields LAC were experiencing historically low crime rates. Local police have acknowledged the Youth Crime Prevention Program is a contributing factor to this.

"The Youth Crime Prevention Program is having a positive impact in reducing crime in the Macquarie Fields Local Area Command. Without the existence of this program crime rates would again rise."

Police Liaison Officer, Macquarie Fields LAC

Recognising that personnel costs are one of our largest expenses, the Sir David Martin Foundation has set up an investment fund which works towards covering all personnel costs incurred by the Foundation. Currently the investment income covers \$404,417 of personnel costs, which equates to 88%. Our five year plan aims to cover 100% of these costs.

We take fiscal responsibility seriously at the Foundation and take great pride in being able to tell our supporters that every dollar is going to disadvantaged youth. As a charity, it is a unique and enviable position to be in.





I would like to welcome Paddy Carney and Shane Little, our newest members to the Board since the new financial year.

Paddy is passionate about helping disadvantaged youth, and her experience as a Senior Partner at PWC will no doubt lend additional financial discipline to the leadership of the Foundation. Shane is a senior executive at Hays Recruiting and has been a strong supporter of the Foundation ever since he undertook some pro bono work for us in 2011. The addition of both Paddy and Shane allows us to bring in some Board members who can help us connect with the next generation of supporters.

Finally, I would like to mention that since the year end our General Manager, Jannine Jackson, has decided to move on. Her contribution to the Foundation over the last five years has been substantial and she is responsible for many of the new initiatives introduced. To say that the Foundation is in a better place than it was five years ago is undeniable and we thank her immensely for her contribution.

On behalf of the Board, and the Sir David Martin Foundation, I sincerely thank you for making 2012 another successful year.

It is only because of the hard work of our staff, volunteers and supporters that we can make a difference in the lives of society's most vulnerable people.

I look forward to your continued support in 2013 and am already excited by the impact and the difference we can make together in the year to come.

DAVID WILLIS
Chairman

SOUNDS OF THE STREET
2012 LAUNCH



1.2 MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER - JANNINE JACKSON



2012 has been a busy year for the Foundation and we have been able to help an increasing number of young people to address the issues they face. The success of the programs we support always amazes me and it would not be possible without the committed program staff. They are inspirational.

Triple Care Farm

Never shy of an award, Triple Care Farm's Creative Arts Vocational Education (CAVE) program came second for the national award for the 'Treatment & Support' category at the 2012 National Drug and Alcohol Awards ceremony. Triple Care Farm has also been selected as a finalist in the 2012 Australian and New Zealand Mental Health Service Achievement Awards in the 'Clinical and Nonclinical services supporting recovery' category. These awards bear testament to the hard work and commitment of the Farm team.

It has also been another year of expanding the Farm's infrastructure. The construction of the new gym was completed with the help of the students themselves. They worked hard to assist in the building of a retaining wall and were able to gain valuable woodworking and construction skills. Fit For Good generously donated upgraded gym equipment so that students are able to hit their health and fitness goals during their recovery at the Farm.

To further encourage the students' fitness, farmland has been cut and levelled to create a multipurpose sporting field. The work was paid for by generous donors and the

sports field will be ready to use in late 2012.

New solar panels have also been installed and the connection to the main power source has been established. We are looking forward to the long term sustainability improvements and the corresponding reduction in the expenses for the substantial energy costs to run the Farm's buildings.

For four days in June, six students had an amazing experience training wild brumbies with horse handler Greg Powell. This camp was the conclusion of the six week Brumby program which included four, one day camps at Marulan. From all accounts it was another successful program with students giving passionate and positive feedback.

In August, the students and staff enjoyed a visit from HMAS Darwin for their annual Working Bee. The day saw students, staff and volunteers working alongside the Navy to remove and replace much needed stock fences. The day was a huge success with everyone working together to dig holes, string the wire, dismantle fences and metal towers. The students were able to receive career advice on joining the defence forces and then beat the Navy in a game of touch football.





Farmer Tom retires

Sadly, one of Triple Care Farm's longest serving and cherished staff members has retired due to illness.

After 22 years of service, Tom Hammerton, more affectionately known as 'Farmer Tom' hung up his work boots as the farming and landscaping instructor for the last time.

Tom commenced employment with Sydney City Mission (now Mission Australia) in March 1990 and has helped thousands of disadvantaged youth. Tom has now handed over the reins to Tim Kelly, the new farming and landscaping instructor, who will no doubt carry on Tom's legacy.

Tom's hardworking and compassionate nature will be sorely missed by staff and students alike.



"When they are angry, we are peaceful.
When they are violent, we are calm.
When they are sad, we give them hope."

Farmer Tom, Triple Care Farm



Creative Youth Initiative

The success of the Creative Youth Initiative program continued in 2012 and culminated in two events - the Artworks! Exhibition held at Muse Gallery in Ultimo, and the Sounds of the Street 'Sticky' album launch at Heffron Hall in Surry Hills. Both events were inspiring and fun for all attendees.

For the second year in a row Creative Youth Initiatives has been able to train and inspire communities outside of Sydney. This year the tutors took their creative programs to Dubbo, Broken Hill, Walgett and Lightning Ridge. These roadshows demonstrate the universal need for youth to express themselves through art and music and the value of empowering students through creativity.



ARTWORK BY RITA AT THE ARTWORKS! EXHIBITION

INTERACTIVE ART AT SOUNDS OF THE STREET LAUNCH





South West Youth Services

This year's expansion of South West Youth Services to incorporate the Post Release Support Program and the Youth Crime Prevention Program has already provided us with encouraging results.

Of the 42 young people who participated in the Youth Crime Prevention Program, 31 achieved educational/training placements, 5 achieved part time employment and 3 gained full time employment. Of the 32 young people



who were assisted in the Post Release Support Program, 12 achieved educational/training placements and 1 received an employment placement.

A COUNSELLING SESSION IN PROGRESS

Wayne Holt, the Assistant Manager from the Youth Justice Conferencing in Campbelltown, explains the difference it has made to participants' lives and the greater community:

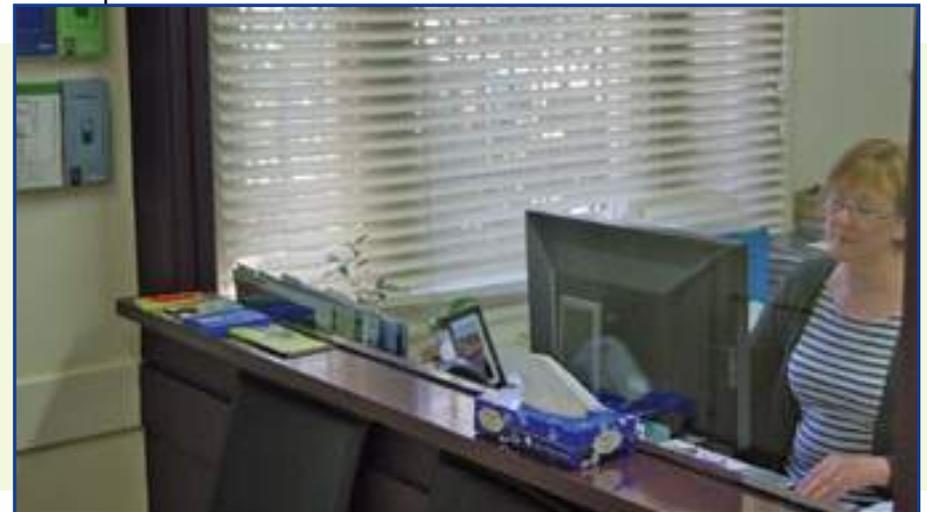
"It has meant that when young people who previously were unable to complete their 'outcome plan' due to lack of support, are now given every opportunity to complete the plan with support and with specific goals in mind.

Overall, the program has been seen as a valuable resource for the MacArthur area and in particular to those young people doing youth justice conferences in this area. I feel that a program like this could be built on and this would offer a greater range of support networks for the ever growing numbers of young people who find themselves in the justice system with little support after court appearance, in some cases none at all."

THE SHOPFRONT YOUTH LEGAL CENTRE FUNDED BY SIR DAVID MARTIN FOUNDATION

The Shopfront Youth Legal Centre

This is the second year that Sir David Martin Foundation has funded the award winning legal service program free for homeless and disadvantaged young people. This year it helped 45 clients and handled 334 matters. This not only demonstrates the hard work and dedication of the Shopfront legal team but also the increasing need for legal services for marginalised youth. We look forward to continuing our funding for this worthwhile program in 2013.



As I look back over the year I'd like to acknowledge all those whose commitment to and support of the Foundation have made it possible for us to carry out Sir David Martin's dream of "safety, hope and opportunity for all young Australians". I'd like to thank all our generous donors and sponsors who never fail to respond to our call. In particular I'd like to thank our anonymous benefactor for their \$1m donation. Your generosity and faith in us has allowed us to expand our services and make a difference to a greater number of young peoples' lives.

Finally, I would like to thank our exceptionally talented and caring staff and volunteers, whose unswerving dedication to helping disadvantaged youth is a daily inspiration to me.

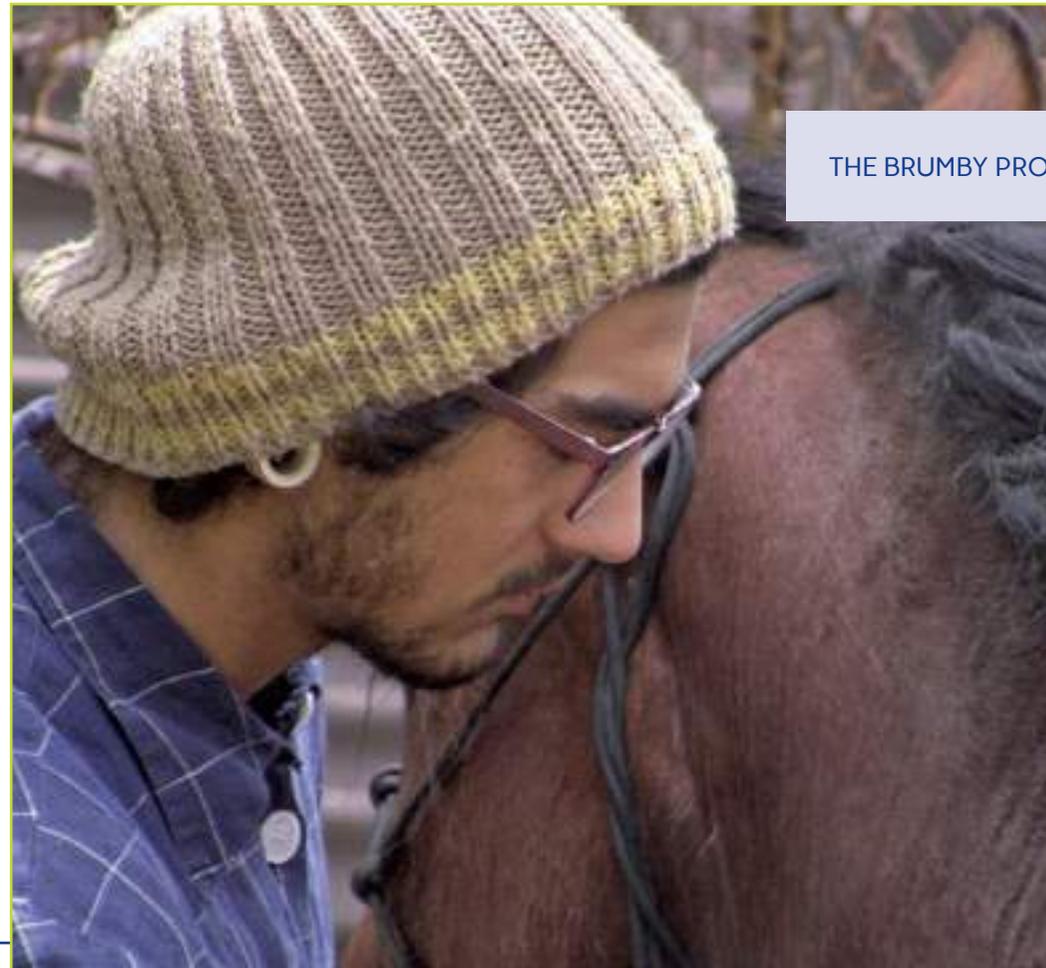


JANNINE JACKSON
General Manager

"THE GYM" AT
TRIPLE CARE FARM



THE BRUMBY PROGRAM





1.4 LADY MARTIN OAM - The History of the Sir David Martin Foundation



How the Foundation Began

As Governor of NSW, my husband reached out to as many young people as he could, from all walks of life. He believed that the young were Australia's most important asset and he became increasingly concerned about the growing number of homeless and disadvantaged young people.

The Sir David Martin Foundation began quite informally in August 1990. Shortly before retiring from office, David met with Charles Chambers from the Sydney City Mission (now Mission Australia) to discuss what could be done to help these troubled young people.

He knew he was to retire shortly and wanted to see if there was some way he could provide a helping hand.

Mission had just opened up a farm with the purpose of getting young people off the streets. It was a bold idea that hoped to introduce them to a new way of life, provide them with opportunity and hopefully re-unite them with family.

Charles suggested using Sir David's name to help get the farm started and to raise money for its continued development. This was the modest beginning of Triple Care Farm. It was then, and is now, the principal focus of our fundraising activities.

Sadly, David did not live to see the official formation of the Foundation; he died just four days after leaving office. At the State funeral, we announced that a Foundation would be started in his name. Rather than sending flowers, we requested that people send money to help get the Sir David Martin Foundation up and running.

I was absolutely amazed by the response we received. The donations flooded in and the warmth and generosity of the public was overwhelming. To this day I still find it humbling that so many people could be moved by such an inspiring man and such a wonderful cause.

The Foundation was officially launched by HRH, the Duchess of York, at Parliament House in November 1990. Since then we continue to receive financial support and assistance from many people and organisations, to go towards funding our youth programs. David would have been so pleased at the support we receive. He was a modest man and a true believer in giving young people the potential to shine.

I treasure the support we receive from so many organisations, none more so than the Royal Australian Navy – which was such a large part of our lives.



Looking towards the future

We have received tremendous support from so many people; however the services we provide are only a drop in the ocean of what is still needed. There are so many young people desperate for a second chance at a life, and still so few facilities available to them.

Each year we receive in excess of 7,000 enquiries about Triple Care Farm alone – but, at present, we only have the capacity for 100 students. For every person we help there are so many that miss out. Our dream at the Foundation is not only to expand the capacity of our current programs, but also to establish new programs to help more young people.



Thank you for 22 years of support

Looking back over the past twenty two years, I am delighted that David's dream of helping young people in need is still being realised.

We hoped to make a difference to a handful of lives; we could never have imagined how many young people have been supported, and the permanent changes they have been able to make.

Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported the Sir David Martin Foundation over these past years. Your generosity has enabled us to continue to work towards "safety, hope and opportunity for all young Australians".

Lady Martin OAM



LADY MARTIN PRESENTS A CERTIFICATE AT TRIPLE CARE FARM'S 2011 GRADUATION CEREMONY



2. THE PROGRAMS WE SUPPORT

The Sir David Martin Foundation supports five key Mission Australia youth programs:

- Triple Care Farm
- South West Youth Services
- Creative Youth Initiatives
- Shopfront Youth Legal Centre
- Sir David Martin Foundation Scholarship Program

The goal of each program is to help young people achieve long term sustainable changes to their lives and become productive members of society.

Triple Care Farm

Located in Robertson, NSW, Triple Care Farm is an award-winning facility designed specifically to provide treatment and support for the co-morbid conditions of drug and alcohol addiction, and mental illness, within a residential setting.

Of the 128 young people who were supported by the program in 2012, each one had a drug problem, 75% had some kind of mental health issue, and 50% had suicidal thoughts.

The average age of students is 19. 34% had been physically abused, 18% sexually abused, 75% came from broken homes, 95% were unemployed and 63% had criminal histories.



BY THE CAMP FIRE AT TRIPLE CARE FARM

About the Program

The Farm accepts young people aged 16-24, from all over Australia. With learning and change being a significant focus of the program, the young people are referred to as 'students' once they commence.

Involvement with the Triple Care Farm program can span 12 months, depending on the individual student's needs. While the residential program lasts 12 weeks, staff can work with students in their local community prior to admission, for anywhere up to three months before they relocate to the Farm. Following their time on the Farm, students are offered the "Stepping Out" aftercare service which provides ongoing support for the six months following.

The 12 week residential program is organised into a series of activities designed to give the students structure, while they manage the emotional and physical impacts associated with detoxification. They learn how to recognise the core issues underlining their substance abuse and are taught the skills to make a positive change in their lives.

For many of the students, the Farm presents them with the opportunity to learn practical living and life skills. Over half the participants were homeless prior to arriving at the Farm and many have never experienced stable accommodation. The program provides them with a steady and consistent background in which to learn the skills necessary to establish and maintain positive social relationships, including conflict resolution and negotiation.

Students learn how to undertake domestic responsibilities including budgeting, cooking, cleaning and doing laundry.



TRIPLE CARE FARM'S 2011 GRADUATION CEREMONY



The program encourages students to work on their personal issues, develop healthy lifestyle practices, and to learn how to use time productively each day. For most students, their addiction has interfered with their education so, in addition to rehabilitation, they are provided with training in literacy and numeracy skills.

During their stay, students are engaged in vocational training to provide them with the qualifications to enter or return to the work place. The Farm offers barista and hospitality training, bobcat and forklift licences, instruction in carpentry, trades and creative arts, as well as hands on experience in working with animals and farm machinery. This structure and emotional support provides them with the skills that will support their return to the community and reduce the risk of relapse.

Results

- Over the past year 80 students successfully completed the Triple Care Farm Program, while another 48 were supported by the Aftercare program.
- The Sir David Martin Foundation provided \$768,000 in program expenditure and \$406,897 in capital expenditure to the program, totalling \$1,174,897.
- 71% of students successfully graduated from the program, meaning that they had achieved all goals across counselling and case management, vocational and educational training, residential and sport and recreational settings.
- 96% of all students were in stable accommodation upon leaving the Farm.

The Foundation has been committed to the success and long term sustainability of Triple Care Farm since it began in 1990. It has changed young people's lives and remains the principal focus of the Foundation's fundraising activities.



CASE STUDY : JACE'S STORY

At the time of his referral, Jace was a homeless young man living in a men's shelter, queuing up each night to get a bed and meal. He had never seen a psychologist, but he had sporadically engaged in some counselling. Jace was referred to Triple Care Farm after seeking help for methamphetamine use. Jace had tried to quit many times on his own, however during the withdrawal period, anxiety and paranoia affected his mental health so severely that he would go back to using.

Jace also had a gambling problem which made it impossible for him to save enough money to get a place of his own. He wanted to live independently, but was stuck living night to night in a men's shelter, having to carry all his possessions in his backpack everywhere he went. If he didn't get to the shelter in time to get a bed for the night, Jace would sleep on the trains. Jace was feeling hopeless and helpless, and had thoughts of suicide. Drug use was making his life unbearable.

"I want it [drugs] out of my life. I've been in a loop for years, from crisis to crisis. I want to make a change."

Jace's methamphetamine use was making him feel paranoid and anxious. When he felt like this, he displayed a pattern of aggression and violence, and this behaviour had isolated him from education, employment and housing options. His relationship with his mother and step-father deteriorated, and he was only seeing his mother in her 20 minute lunch breaks at work a couple of times a month. Jace's father had a terminal illness and alcohol dependence and the relationship was very strained. Jace's only support was from the men's shelter.

"When I first started the program it was very nerve racking and confronting to be coming to a drug and alcohol residential rehabilitation program, however I knew that it was necessary."



In the program at Triple Care Farm, Jace displayed a pattern of paranoia and anxiety in his withdrawal period. Once this subsided, the staff noticed patterns in his mood. These patterns were identified as an untreated diagnosis of Bipolar disorder. The team worked with Jace on understanding his mental health, and the need for counselling and medication. Jace found it hard to accept a diagnosis, but through the encouragement to make his own choices, Jace eventually agreed to treatment.

"I knew that I had to change my attitude and my action."

The GP and psychologist treated his Bipolar disorder and educated him about the links between mental health, drug use, mood, sleep, medication and a healthy lifestyle.

Jace attended the gym and boot camp regularly and learnt strategies to manage stress and relationships in groups. He attended our 'Links to Learning' program to enhance his employability through improvements in his literacy, numeracy and job seeker skills. Jace completed his bobcat and forklift licences, a short course in contemporary Café Skills and a Certificate II at TAFE. While at Triple Care Farm, Jace also finalised his year 10 equivalent. He had actually done most of the work, but didn't know how to gain a copy of his certificate. Support from his case manager meant that Triple Care Farm could advocate for Jace to complete his certificate and receive recognition for his prior learning.

Jace is currently in the Triple Care Farm 'Stepping Out: placement and aftercare' program. He is linked in with supported semi-independent accommodation in Newcastle. He has an apartment which he shares with another young man; he is attending further education in hospitality and is currently on a work experience trial in a café.

Jace is stable on his medication and sees his doctor regularly; he says this has totally changed the way he thinks and feels. Jace is linked into local services that help him maintain the progress he has made. Triple Care Farm continues to provide case management and practical support with Jace's material needs, like phone credit when he is looking for work, furniture for his new apartment and telephone support.

"Triple Care Farm has completely changed the way I think. I now care about my future and, with having my year 10 equivalent, now I have a lot more opportunities when it comes to further education."

The Triple Care Farm 'Stepping Out' program will support Jace in his transition back to the community for a further 6 months. Jace is due to graduate from the program in December 2012, and his family plan to attend the annual graduation ceremony to cheer him on and celebrate Jace's new lease on life.





2.2 SOUTH WEST YOUTH SERVICES

Based in the Sydney area, South West Youth Services provides a service that aims to prevent young people from entering the 'no home, no job' cycle.

It works with marginalised youth who have fallen out of the school system aged about 12-13 and have never been given the opportunity to participate in further education. Many have experienced childhood sexual abuse, domestic violence, loss of a family member and, in most cases, have been shunned by society.

By providing a range of programs, South West Youth Services aims to work with young people by developing solutions based on their individual strengths. Taking a community based focus, rather than institutionalising young people, South West Youth Services works to develop positive interactions with the people in their lives, removing them from isolation and helping them to become functional members of their community.

The Sir David Martin Foundation provides funding for three of the important programs run by South West Youth Services.

Youth Counselling Program

Since 2006, the Foundation has funded an intensive counselling service for young people helped by South West Youth Services and their families. Supported by their counsellor, they are able to work through concerns relating to abuse, domestic violence, family relationships and mental illness. This program assists young people to develop strategies to cope with their problems in a productive manner.

Post Release Support Program

This program works with teenagers aged 13-18 who are existing Juvenile Justice wards. It provides an 18 week case management service, 6 weeks prior to release from custody and 12 weeks post release. The aim of Post Release Support Program is to successfully reintegrate young people into their community and increase their capacity to engage in pro-social behaviour, further training/education, employment and decrease criminal behaviour.

Youth Crime Prevention Program

The Youth Crime Prevention Program provides an intensive, solution-focused case management model to young people and their families in the Campbelltown and Liverpool regions. It offers educational, training and employment opportunities, whilst promoting pro-social behaviours within the community, to young people who are at risk of developing further criminal behaviours.

Goals are developed across key outcome areas including:

- Accommodation ● Family ● Education and Training
- Employment ● Legal Issues ● Recreation
- Financial Matters ● Physical and mental health
- Support and Intervention in alcohol and drug use

Results

The Sir David Martin Foundation has enabled South West Youth Services to support over 100 marginalised young Australians:

- 42 receiving help under the Youth Counselling Program
- 32 receiving support from the Post Release Support Program
- 42 receiving case management and assistance from the Youth Crime Prevention Program

CASE STUDY : ANGUS' STORY

On the brink of expulsion after a series of long suspensions, Angus was referred to the program by a local high school.

Angus had a long history of drug use and this culminated in him being caught smoking marijuana on school grounds. In a deal brokered between the school and the Links to Learning program, Angus was able to stay on the school's books if he maintained a minimum of 85% attendance in the Links program.

Angus' attitude at the beginning of the program left a lot to be desired. He frequently disrupted activities and refused to engage in group projects. During a sit-down meeting with the co-ordinator of the Links program, Angus stated that he was becoming worried about the increased frequency and volume of his drug use, and also stated that he hadn't dealt with his father's death a decade earlier.

After consultation with the co-ordinator Angus decided to speak with the South West Youth Services counsellor, as well as a drug and alcohol counsellor through the local area health service. A collaborative plan was established and Angus agreed it was his best option for moving forward.

Angus attacked his new plan with vigour and regularly set and achieved small goals for himself. One of these goals was to obtain a work experience placement with a plumbing company, which he successfully achieved. Angus did work experience on the days he did not attend Links to Learning.

Through hard work and dedication to his work experience placement, Angus was offered an apprenticeship by the same company. Angus started his apprenticeship in plumbing on May 21 and is loving every minute of it. Due to his apprenticeship and positive routine he has not used marijuana. He is still working through his grief and loss issues but is maintaining a good balance.





2.3 CREATIVE YOUTH INITIATIVE

Creative Youth Initiative is a service for young people aged 16 to 25 who are facing varied challenges including homelessness, mental health issues, substance abuse, family breakdown, unemployment and disengagement from education. It consists of two programs run concurrently – Sounds of the Street and Artworks!

Based in Sydney's Surry Hills, the program helps young people develop their creativity through visual arts and music. This in turn builds self-esteem, encourages self-expression and provides positive learning experiences in a safe and supportive environment. In addition, it provides young people with the opportunity to access free TAFE-accredited creative training programs as well as personalised individual support.

As part of our support, the Sir David Martin Foundation funds the Student Support Co-ordinator role at Creative Youth Initiative. This essential service looks after intake and referrals, and offers ongoing support and goal planning to students while they are at Creative Youth Initiative. The Student Support Co-ordinator assists students in a number of areas including finding suitable accommodation, attaining employment, re-entering or enrolling in education or training institutions, counselling around mental health issues and offers ongoing daily support for students. It is this holistic approach of providing personalised support that makes the program such a success.

About the Program

Artworks!

Artworks! is an accredited TAFE Outreach visual arts program, which provides materials, skilled one-on-one and group tuition and a safe place where young people can explore their creativity. The program enables students to examine a range of media including photography, painting, sketching, sculpture, printmaking and graphic design. The learning year culminates in the Artworks! Exhibition, which requires students to frame or finish their work, price it, create a theme and name their artwork, and communicate with the press and sponsors.

Sounds of the Street

The Sounds of the Street program is run over 20 weeks and teaches participants to compose, perform and record music, and eventually produce professionally mixed and mastered CDs of their own music. During the course they are encouraged to create songs, are introduced to music software and gain an understanding of the music industry. Students work both one-on-one and as a group, under the guidance of music tutors. By completing the Sounds of the Street course, students are also recognised as completing 4 modules towards Music Industry Skills Certificate 1 from TAFE.

Results

The Creative Youth Initiatives program harnesses the power of music and art to transform young lives. It provides learning opportunities in a safe, non-judgmental environment, free from abuse, drugs and violence. The program is unique in that it provides ongoing case management, while addressing the young person's needs in areas such as education, mental health, safety, economic wellbeing and housing.

Over the past year, 47 young people changed their lives by participating in Creative Youth Initiative's programs. Following their involvement, 60% successfully enrolled in further education, 72% identified an increase in self-esteem, 55% identified an increase in social skills, 19% identified an improvement in family relationships, 100% identified improved links with services, 60% identified an increase in motivation and 79% identified an improved sense of belonging.

Here is some student feedback on the program and its impact on their lives:

"Creative Youth Initiative's Artworks program has opened my eyes to a whole new attitude towards life. Creative Youth Initiative has reassured me that I want to go back to school."

"You guys are a blessing to each of us, for those who don't have a family you guys have given us the true sense of what a family is like."

CREATIVE YOUTH INITIATIVE
'SOUNDS OF THE STREET'





CASE STUDY : JULIEANNE'S STORY

Julieanne has always had a passion for singing, but for most of her life has never had the confidence to perform. Julieanne had her fair share of troubles growing up; "I guess I didn't really have the best childhood" she says. "I had an abusive mother who was in and out of jail a lot." As a result, Julieanne was largely raised by her father.

However, her father's house was not much of an improvement. Julianne was often witness to domestic abuse between her father and his string of partners. Her relationship with her father broke down at age 12. Once again she was on her own. "My life really went downhill after that" Julieanne says. She spent her teenage years constantly worried about where she was going to live and was in fear for her own safety. "I was back and forth between my mum's house and my dad's house" she says. "I was so unhappy and scared too." Eventually she "turned to drugs and alcohol and stuff to try and escape."

Julieanne got a wakeup call at 17 when she found out she was pregnant. Although she left school to take care of her baby, Julieanne believes that giving birth to her beautiful daughter Scarlett was "the best thing that could have happened to me" she says with tears in her eyes. "Without her I would have ended up in the gutter."

Determined to be a good mother to her daughter, Julieanne started looking for a way to create a secure home for herself and her baby girl. When she found out about the Sounds of the Street program she says she immediately knew it was the right thing for her. "I went in to meet everyone, I saw the rooms and how lovely the staff were. It had such a nice environment, you really feel you can be yourself there."

Julieanne confesses that she has always had a passion for music, but never the confidence to sing in front of anyone. During the 20 week program she wrote, sang and produced many of her own tracks, including I've Waited which she performed live at the launch of the program's compilation CD entitled Sticky.

The program not only developed Julieanne's confidence and musical ability, but with the assistance of a Sir David Martin Foundation Scholarship and the Student Support Co-ordinator, helped her return to study and develop a career in the beauty industry, as well as gain independent housing. It's been a tough road, but Julieanne is now happy:

"Life has so many obstacles... and in the hardest times, it's when life tests you the most. But you have to pick yourself up. You can do it in the end – you just have to keep trying."



2.4 SHOPFRONT YOUTH LEGAL CENTRE

Established in 1993, the Shopfront Youth Legal Centre is a free legal service that helps homeless and disadvantaged young people aged up to 25. Most of the Shopfront's clients are extremely disadvantaged by virtue of homelessness, mental illness, intellectual disability, past trauma, poverty and social exclusion. They tend to move around between the streets, refuges, boarding houses and other temporary accommodation. Others live in supported accommodation or Department of Housing properties.

About the Program Shopfront works to achieve four main goals:

GOAL #1

To provide young people with legal advice and representation in court.

The Shopfront is permanently staffed by lawyers and solicitors from Freehills law firm, who provide their time on a pro bono basis. The service advises young people on how to deal with a range of legal matters, including fines and criminal charges, domestic violence, family and child welfare law, social security, discrimination, employment and housing.

GOAL #2

To educate young people about their legal rights.

The Shopfront helps some of the most disadvantaged young people in Sydney. The majority of them have little knowledge about their legal rights within the court or police system. The Centre works to remedy this by providing accessible information and resources to educate young people about their legal rights.

GOAL #3

To educate youth workers about legal issues.

The Shopfront provides legal training sessions and support materials to youth workers and programs across NSW. By working with other services, the Shopfront seeks to help develop a holistic community-wide response to support disadvantaged people in all areas of their lives.

GOAL #4

Campaign for improved laws and policies relating to disadvantaged young people

In addition to legal services, the Shopfront seeks to raise public awareness of the issues affecting young people, through government submissions and parliamentary enquiries. The Centre works towards an improvement in laws and policies and advocates for change that will benefit all disadvantaged young people.

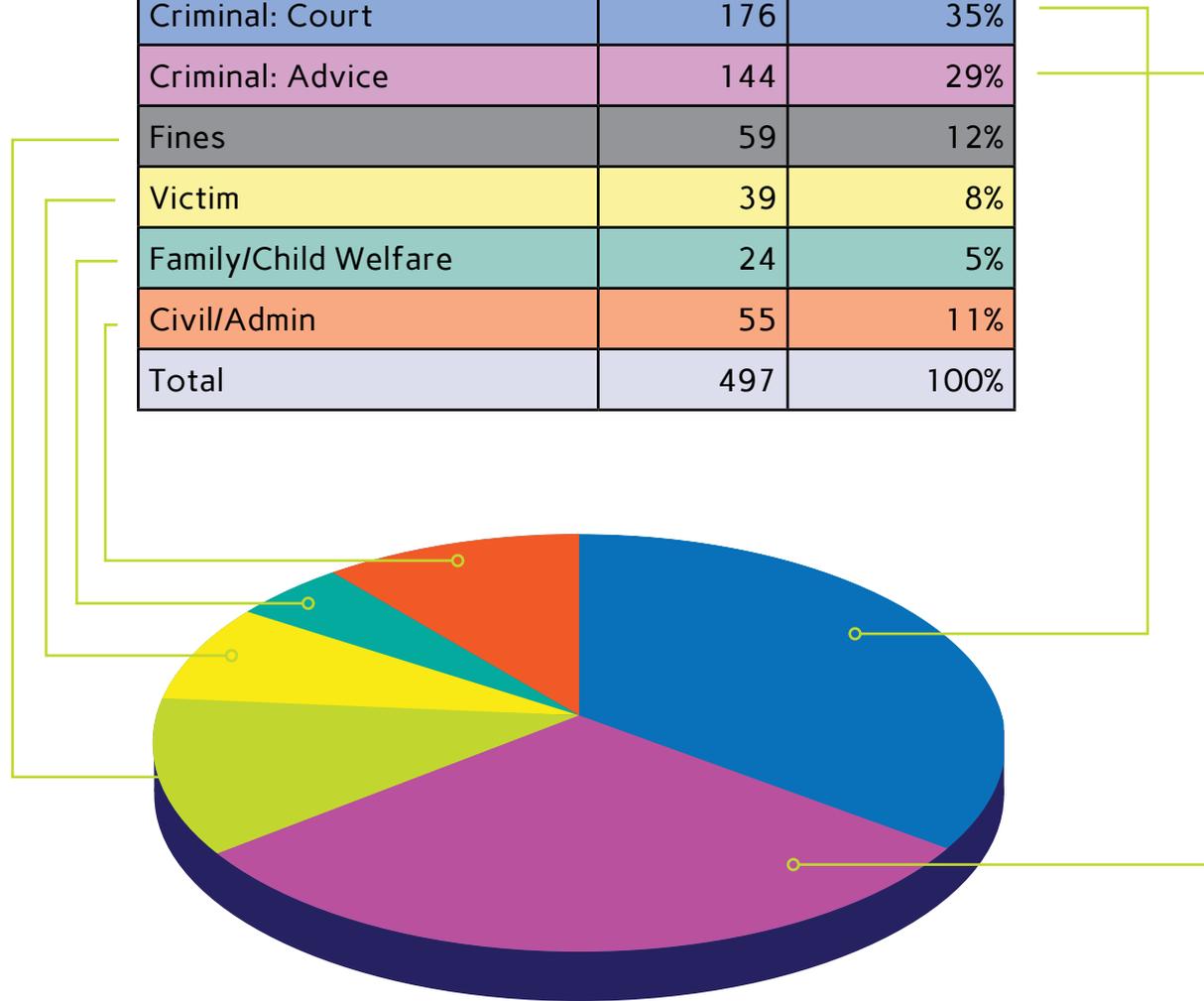




Results

Over the past year the Shopfront has advised and represented 238 young people on 497 legal matters, by providing services ranging from court representation and advice on criminal matters, to applications for victim's compensation.

Type of Matter	Total	% of Total
Criminal: Court	176	35%
Criminal: Advice	144	29%
Fines	59	12%
Victim	39	8%
Family/Child Welfare	24	5%
Civil/Admin	55	11%
Total	497	100%



CASE STUDY : KIMBERLEY'S STORY

Kimberley, aged 20, is a young Aboriginal woman who has survived sexual assaults and physical abuse since she was very young. Her mother neglected her for as long as she can remember. Kimberley was removed from her mother's care by DOCS when she was 3 years old, after the police took her and her little brothers to hospital with barbiturates in their systems.

She was then returned to her mother and abused by her mother's new partner. This abuse included locking her and her little brothers in a room for days without food and just a warm soft drink bottle to drink. As a result of this treatment, Kimberley suffers from panic attacks and claustrophobia. She was also sexually assaulted by her mother's partner's brother when she was only 4 years old.

Kimberley was placed with a foster family where she was routinely beaten. Eventually she and her brothers were removed from that family and given to her birth father. He also treated her badly, and at 13 years she was living on the streets. When she sought refuge at her grandmother's home she was violently raped by her grandmother's partner.

We are assisting Kimberley to make six victim's compensation claims in relation to the sexual and physical abuse and neglect she has suffered for most of her young life. She is currently heavily pregnant with her first child and so any successful claims for compensation would, in addition to providing her with a feeling of empowerment and satisfaction, be applied to making a better life for her and the new baby.





2.5 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Youth Scholarship Program was set up to provide financial assistance for young people to pursue their career aspirations and reach their potential.

About the Program

After completing one of the programs supported by the Sir David Martin Foundation, many students go on to further education at TAFE or University. However, students often struggle to take advantage of these new opportunities, due to the lack of funds or equipment.

Students who have made progress towards improving their lives are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. They work with their program coordinator to complete an application form, outlining the course of study or employment they are intending to pursue and how a grant would assist them to achieve this goal.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
SARAH (LEFT) & ERIC (RIGHT)

Results

Over the past year the Sir David Martin Foundation has provided numerous scholarships to students to help them further their education and achieve their long term career goals.

Scholarships awarded include:

- \$1,000 to enable Rebecca to purchase course materials for her diploma of Fine Arts
- \$1,000 to help fund Julieanne's study and materials for her beauty therapy course
- \$1,000 to enable Alex to purchase an acoustic guitar and guitar lessons
- \$1,000 to enable Fiona to purchase a Mac laptop and Pro tools for her TAFE course
- \$650 to help fund Mark's training and accommodation while he completes his forklift licence
- \$650 to enable Rowan to purchase materials and resources for his Mechanic Apprenticeship

CASE STUDY : TOM'S STORY

Tom had been abandoned at birth by his mother and has had just three occasions of contact with his father in his entire life. He was raised by his paternal grandmother and had come out with her to Australia in 2005. Once here he decided to stay with aunties and other family members to make a new life for himself.

After a few years he got into some trouble which resulted in a custodial sentence. When it was time for Tom to go home, he discovered his family didn't want him. Tom is now 16 years old.

When Tom was released from custody he was referred to the Post Release Support Program, primarily to obtain assistance with finding appropriate training/employment opportunities and support with other welfare needs.

During Tom's time out in the community he had survived by committing crimes such as theft, to get by. He has many street smart skills and knew that this was one way to survive. He has only been on the program a short time and he is already due to start his new position with a carpentry company as an apprentice.

To give Tom a start in the right direction, he was granted a Sir David Martin Foundation scholarship. The scholarship paid for his OH&S White Card, work clothing, boots and other work equipment, and it also goes toward his TAFE fees, where he attends classes one day a week as part of his apprenticeship requirements.

Staff also work with Tom to provide private driving lessons with an instructor as he has his learner's permit but no-one to teach him and help him with his log book. This will assist in his career of carpentry, something that he has been interested in for quite some time.





3.1 SPECIAL AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Our work is made possible through the donations and funds raised by our supporters. At a time of economic difficulty, our fundraising income was \$3.73 million.

We would like to thank every supporter of the Sir David Martin Foundation for the assistance they have provided us with this year.

Events Highlights

AMP Abseil for Youth

Over two days, 140 daredevil fundraisers abseiled down the side of Sydney's AMP Building. This was only possible due to the invaluable contribution of the AMP Foundation. We thank them for their generosity and commitment.

Several celebrity ambassadors helped kick off the event each day, including Caroline Pemberton (former Miss Australia), Sam de Brito (journalist), Rachel Corbett (radio presenter), Jonathan Pease (Australia's Next Top Model), Stevie Nicholson (Hi-5) and Harry Cook (actor). Our oldest participant was an adventurous 81 year old who led a family team covering 3 generations.

In addition to AMP, the day wouldn't have been possible without Urban Descent, our mountaineering Ambassador Andrew Lock OAM, the volunteers from the Royal Australian Navy and all our volunteers.

The abseiling event over two days raised more than \$250,000 and won the Fundraising Institute of Australia's "Award for Excellence" in the Special Event category.



ANNA, ONE OF OUR BRAVE ABSEILERS
ABSEIL FOR YOUTH 2011



Lady Martin's Bridge Day

The continuing generosity of HMAS Penguin ensured Lady Martin's Bridge Day was again a huge success. Many of our supporters say it is a permanent fixture in their diaries, as it combines their love of playing Bridge with the ability to raise much needed funds for the Foundation. Catering for the event is a combination of the crew of HMAS Penguin and Lady Martin personally baking for the guests. 100 people attended the 2011 Bridge day, raising over \$6,000 for the programs we support.



Navy Centenary Ball

The year marked the 100th anniversary of the Royal Australian Navy. Part of the celebrations included the Naval Centenary Ball held at Parliament House, Canberra with the Sir David Martin Foundation appointed as the official charity partner. The Ball was a sell-out with a total of 500 guests. Merrick Watts, as the master of ceremonies, kept the guests entertained throughout the evening. Matt Hollywood, a favourite Foundation entertainer, delighted everyone with his amusing and astounding feats of magic mixed with comedy, while the Royal Australian Navy Band had everyone dancing the night away. The evening raised a fantastic \$60,000 to support young Australians as they rebuild their lives.



Royal Australian Navy Golf Day

Now in its 21st year, the Naval Golf Association Day was a huge success with some of the original Charity Golf Day veterans attending. While the event is open to all skill levels, the top scores were very close. After play the participants were treated to more fun with lunch, raffles and an auction of popular items. The event raised over \$10,000. Lady Martin gratefully received the cheque on behalf of the Foundation.

HYPE Committee – Old Time Bowls Day

In November the HYPE (Help Young People Engage) committee held 'Old Time Bowls' - a vintage fancy dress bowls day at Bondi Bowling Club. It was a gloriously sunny day as the 60 guests took their turn on the bowling green. A sausage sizzle and accompanying fundraising games helped to raise over \$2,500 for the Sir David Martin Foundation and introduced a number of new donors to the work of the Foundation.



'OLD TIME BOWLS' DAY



2011 NAVY CENTENARY BALL



GOLF DAY
CHEQUE PRESENTATION



LADY MARTIN & CAPTAIN WILL MARTIN
AT NAVY CENTENARY BALL



3.2 FUNDRAISING APPEALS

The Sir David Martin Foundation runs two fundraising appeals through the year; they each focus on the amazing transformation of one young person who has been a part of our programs.

Christmas Appeal

This year's Christmas appeal spoke to the generous spirit and sense of community associated with that time of year.

The appeal told the story of a young woman Olivia* who suffered a life shattering trauma in her teens – one that she still finds difficult to talk about. She couldn't cope with everyday life, suffered depression and started drinking and taking marijuana to numb the pain. She was getting into trouble at school with both teachers and students. Her grades were dropping and her increasingly erratic behaviour was creating a lot of conflict at home with her family. Eventually she was arrested and sent to jail. She was addicted to drugs and had truly hit rock bottom.

Olivia made the brave decision to enter Triple Care Farm and turn her life around. She apologised to her family for her behaviour, started attending classes and counselling to deal with what had happened to her, and stopped smoking to get fit and healthy. In her words:

"None of this would have been possible without the help of everyone at Triple Care Farm... They all believed in me when I had lost hope. But more than this, my time at the Farm gave me the practical skills I needed to change the way I was living and what I want for my future."

Olivia's story connected with existing and new donors alike and enabled us to raise more than \$165,000.

Did you
know?

The most damaging effects of
trauma can be hidden from view



Winter Appeal

The 2012 Winter appeal highlighted the myriad of factors that can lead to a child's downward spiral towards drug and alcohol addiction. It recounted the story of Millie*, a girl who was being sexually abused by her uncle (her guardian). When she found the courage to tell her aunty, she was subsequently hit and thrown out of home. She started living on the streets, taking drugs, and stripping and selling herself to support her habit. It all got too much when a 'client' bashed her and she attempted to take her own life.

Millie entered Triple Care Farm thinking it was all her own doing. However, a counselling session finally helped her understand that it wasn't her fault, it was her uncle's. She also saw another girl who was worse than her, driving a big tractor with confidence. She had her moment of self discovery:

"I figured if she can, I can. So I'm going to give it a go here at Triple Care Farm."

Our Winter Appeal was a great success, raising more than \$200,000 towards funding our youth programs. It also re-engaged a number of past supporters.

*Names of young people have been changed to protect their identity.

3.3 ASPIRE NEWSLETTER

The Sir David Martin Foundation Newsletter, titled *Aspire*, is released twice a year to our donors.

It is an important medium to keep our donors up to date on the lives of the staff and young people involved in the programs and to communicate how the funds they helped raise are being spent. *Aspire* also gives supporters information on topics such as the latest research findings on addictions and the impact of mental health conditions. The newsletter is very widely read and its success is due to the many people who provide relevant and interesting content.



3.4 TRUSTS, FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS

The Sir David Martin Foundation's support of Mission Australia youth programs is made possible through the generous support of our philanthropic partners.

From July 1st 2011 to June 30th 2012, we received just over \$1.5 million dollars from trusts, foundation and government supporters.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following organisations and individuals:

ANZ Staff Foundation

BBM Ltd

The Bill & Patricia Ritchie Foundation

City Tattersalls Club

The Corio Foundation

Dunn Family Trust Fund

Dunstan Family Foundation

Flinders University – NCETA Scholarships

Fosters Group Limited

Grant Family Charitable Trust Pty Ltd

James Kirby Foundation

Maple-Brown Family Charitable Foundation

Mazda Foundation

Moore Family Foundation

Neilson Foundation

NSW Community Building Partnership Grant

Optus Connecting Communities Grants Program

The Penn Foundation

Property Industry Foundation

Pryor Family Trust

The R A Gale Foundation

The Rodwell Foundation

Roslyn Salteri

Skipper-Jacobs Charitable Trust

Tas Foundation Limited

Thank You

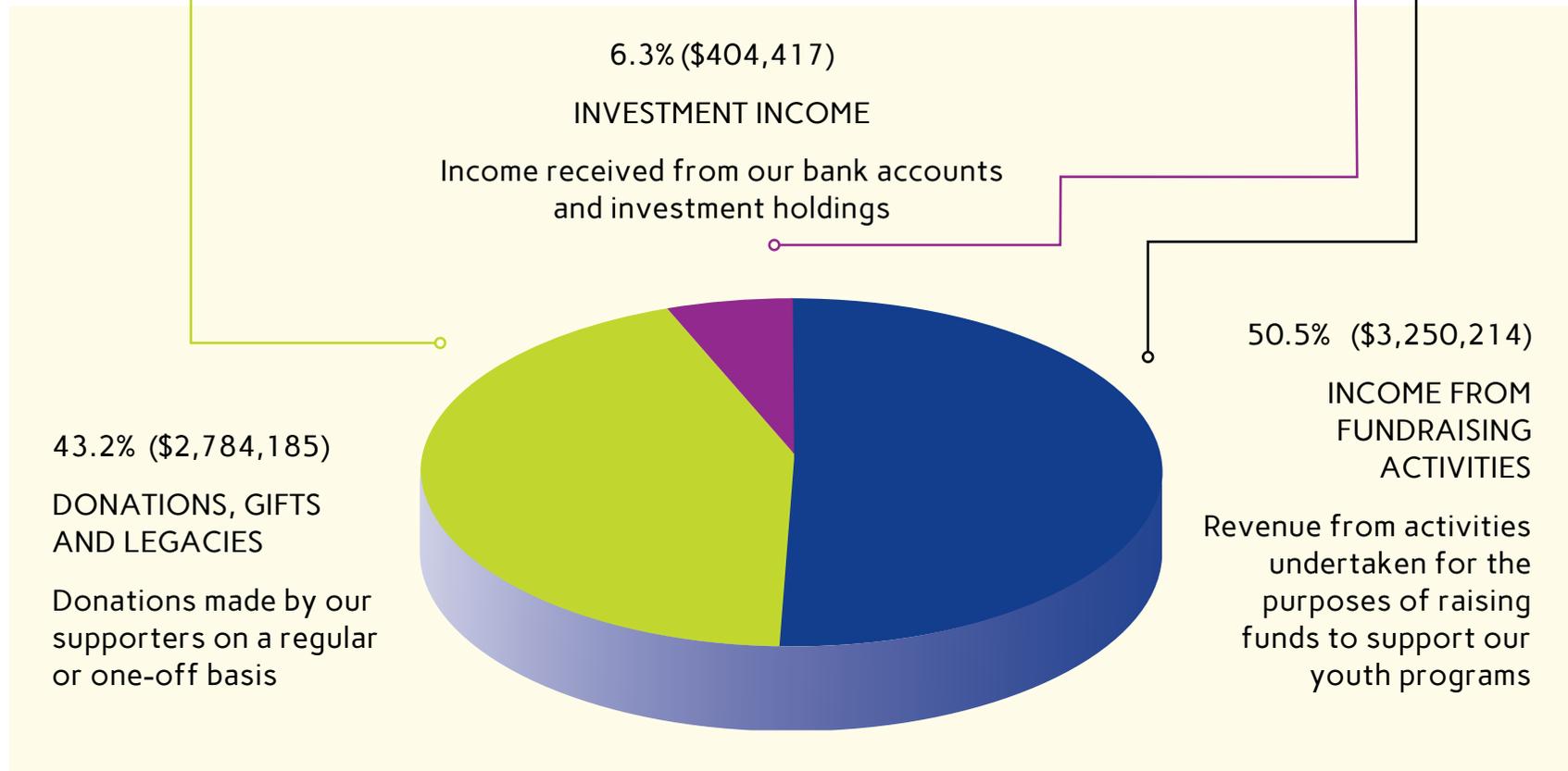




The following pages present key aspects of the Sir David Martin Foundation audited accounts. For more information please contact us for a copy of the signed audited statements.

4.1 HOW YOU GAVE YOUR HELP IN 2011/2012

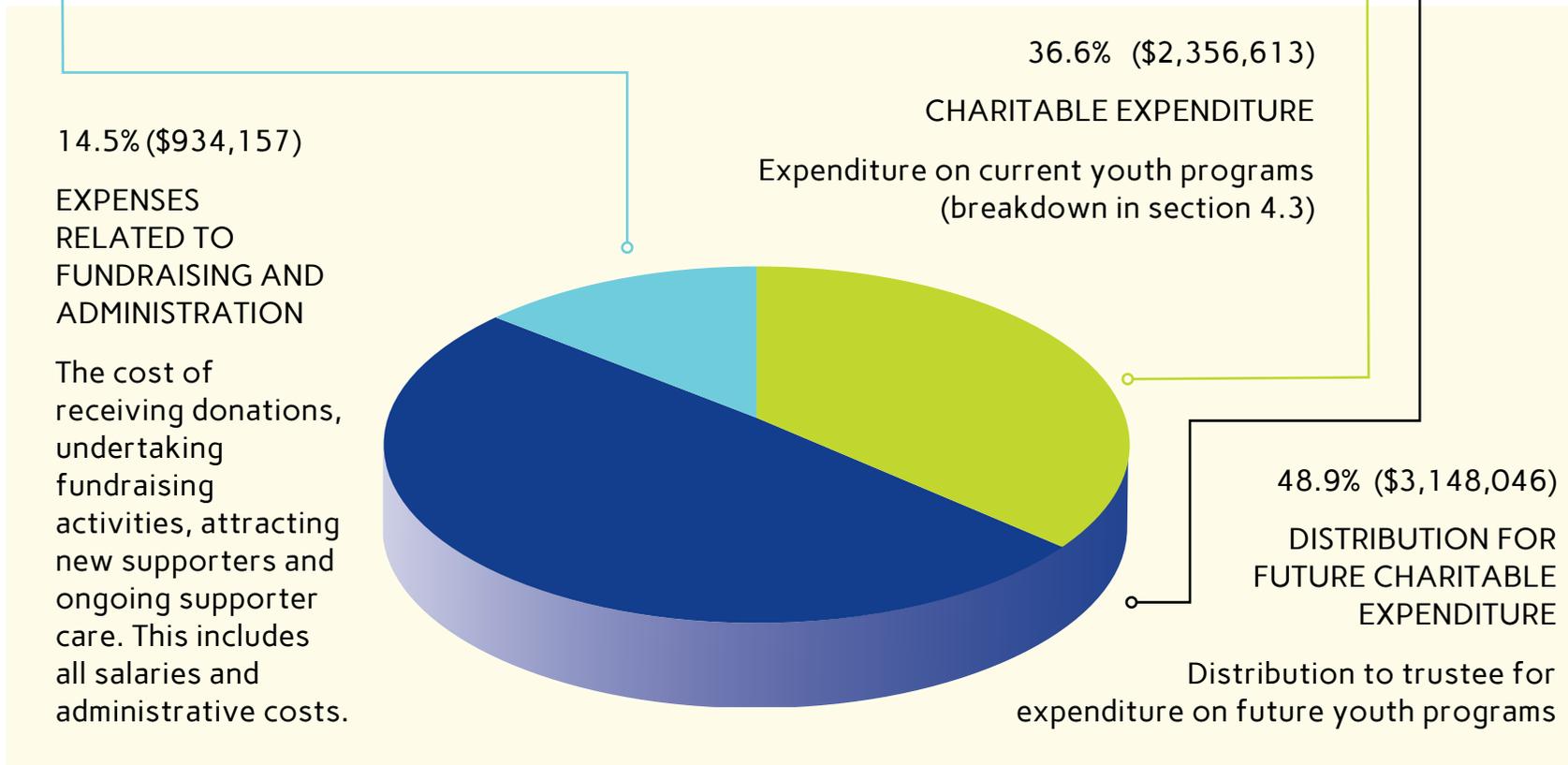
Total Incoming Resources		
Income from fundraising activities	\$3,250,214	50.5%
Donations, gifts and legacies	\$2,784,185	43.2%
Investment Income	\$404,417	6.3%
Total	\$6,438,816	100%





4.2 HOW WE HELPED YOUNG PEOPLE IN 2011/2012

Total Outgoing Resources		
Charitable expenditure	\$2,356,613	36.6%
Distribution for future charitable expenditure	\$3,148,046	48.9%
Expenses related to fundraising and administration	\$934,157	14.5%
Total	\$6,438,816	100%

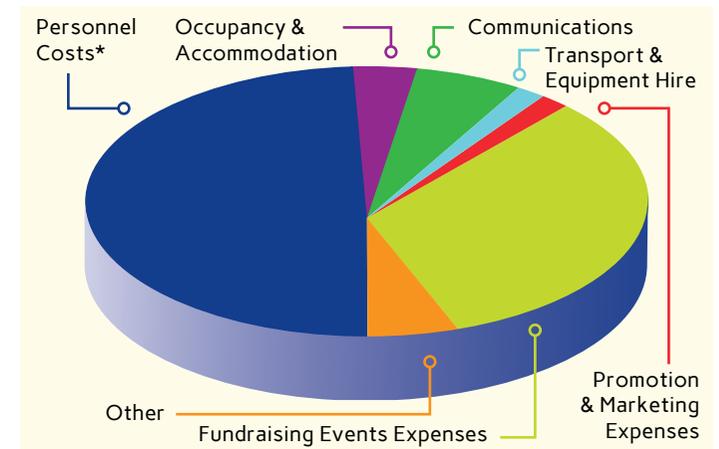
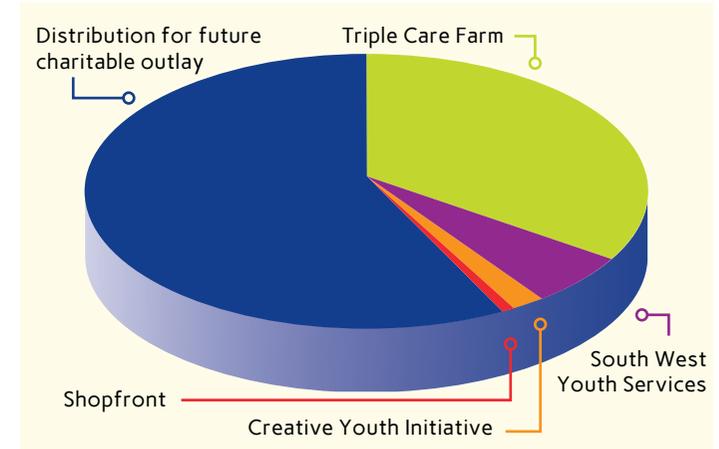




4.3 BREAKDOWN OF OUTLAYS & EXPENDITURE

Program outlays and allocations, year ended 30 June 2012		
Triple Care Farm	\$1,912,265	34.7%
South West Youth Services	\$312,000	5.7%
Creative Youth Initiative	\$102,348	1.9%
Shopfront	\$30,000	0.5%
Distribution for future charitable outlay	\$3,148,046	57.2%
Total	\$5,504,659	100%

Operating Costs (Expenses relating to fundraising and administration), year ended 30 June 2012		
Personnel Costs*	\$459,071	49.1%
Occupancy and Accommodation	\$31,421	3.4%
Communications	\$51,703	5.5%
Transport and Equipment Hire	\$13,674	1.5%
Promotion and Marketing Expenses	\$17,252	1.8%
Fundraising Events Expenses	\$306,097	32.8%
Other	\$54,939	5.9%
Total	\$934,157	100%

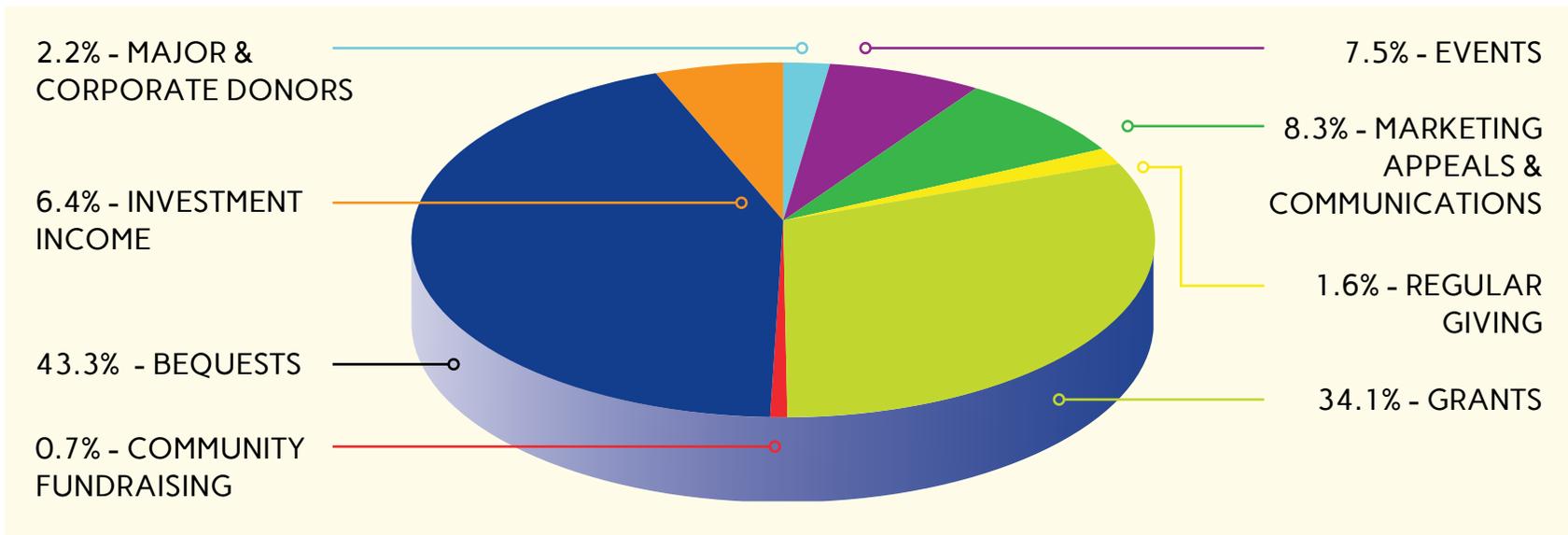


* Recognising that personnel costs are one of our largest expenses, the Sir David Martin Foundation has set up an investment fund which works towards covering all personnel costs incurred by the Foundation. Currently the investment income covers \$404,417 of personnel costs, which equates to 88%. Our five year plan aims to cover 100% of these costs.



4.4 BREAKDOWN OF INCOME

Income		
Major and Corporate Donors	\$141,847	2.2%
Events	\$478,508	7.5%
Marketing Appeals and Communications	\$537,553	8.3%
Regular Giving	\$98,193	1.6%
Grants	\$1,951,334	34.1%
Community Fundraising	\$42,329	0.7%
Bequests	\$2,784,193	43.3%
Investment income	\$404,417	6.4%
Total	\$6,438,816	100%





4.5 THIS YEAR IN HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Sir David Martin Foundation Income Statements - Summary

	2012	2011	2010	2009
	2011/2012	2010/2011	2009/2010	2008/2009
INCOME				
Income from fundraising activities	\$3,250,214	\$1,762,936	\$2,442,006	\$1,297,845
Donations, gifts and legacies	\$2,784,185	\$213,880	\$289,842	\$110,397
Investment income	\$404,417	\$354,917	\$314,258	\$267,430
Total Incoming Resources	\$6,438,816	\$2,331,733	\$3,046,106	\$1,675,672
EXPENDITURE				
Personnel Costs	\$459,071	\$422,132	\$343,602	\$296,409
Occupancy and Accommodation	\$31,421	\$30,603	\$22,860	\$26,578
Communications and Events Expenses	\$357,800	\$251,249	\$225,501	\$242,124
Transport and Equipment Hire	\$13,674	\$15,373	\$22,408	\$19,857
Other	\$72,191	\$64,458	\$17,526	\$16,454
Total Operating Costs	\$934,157	\$783,815	\$631,897	\$601,422
Charitable expenditure	\$2,356,613	\$946,812	\$1,499,815	\$792,520
Distribution to Trustees for Future Charitable Outlay	\$3,148,046	\$601,106	\$914,394	\$281,730
Charitable expenditure	\$5,504,659	\$1,547,918	\$2,414,209	\$1,074,250
TOTAL	\$6,438,816	\$2,331,733	\$3,046,106	\$1,675,672



5.1 OUR BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Mr David Wills - Chairman

Board of Governors member since 2000

David has been a Governor of the Sir David Martin Foundation since 2000, and has been Chairman since 2007. He holds a B.Com (UNSW) and is a Chartered Accountant. He was a partner of Coopers & Lybrand and then PricewaterhouseCoopers for 25 years, retiring as Deputy Chairman in 2004. Mr Wills is currently a non-executive director of Washington H Soul Pattinson and Company Limited, Clover Corporation Limited and Quickstep Holdings Limited, as well as a director of a number of unlisted companies.

"Our reward comes when you see how grateful the students are at their graduation. With the support of our donors, I believe we are making a contribution to improving the lives of hundreds of young Australians."

Lady Martin OAM

Board of Governors member since 1990

Lady Martin was born and brought up in the Western District of Victoria. She was a border at Clyde School for 9 years. She began Nursing at Alfred Hospital but married Sub Lieutenant David Martin before finishing the course. Lady Martin has three married children, 2 daughters and a son. One daughter is married to a Naval man, the other to the son of a Naval man and her son is in the Navy. Lady Martin has continued Sir David's dream to give hope, safety and opportunity to youth in crisis.

"It has been an honour to have been involved in the Foundation for more than 20 years. Each year I have been delighted to see young people graduate from the programs we support – all of them having the opportunity to return to their family."





Mr David Adams

Board of Governors member since 2007

David completed his university studies achieving a B.Sc. (Syd), and an MBA (UNSW). He had a well-established career in the finance industry, with Citicorp for six years before moving to Hill Samuel, which was later to become Macquarie Bank. He was a director of Hill Samuel and then Macquarie Bank from 1983 until 2001, and a member of the Bank's Executive Committee from 1987 until 2000. David also served as Chairman of the Investment and Financial Services Association Ltd. David has been a Visiting Fellow at the School of Applied Finance at Macquarie University, where he taught an elective course to Master's Degree students.

"I believe that we all have a duty to help others in our community, especially when no other help is available to them. I feel a sense of pride when we are able to help so many young people change their lives for the better because we have given them a fresh start."

Mr Michael Crowley

Board of Governors member since 2011

Michael joined the Board of Governors of the Sir David Martin Foundation in April 2011. He holds a B.Com (UNSW) and is a Fellow of The Stockbrokers Association of Australia. He is a Managing Director of The Royal Bank of Scotland and has worked in the securities and investment banking industry since 1971. Michael is currently a member of the Advisory Board of DATS Environmental Services Limited and was a director of Balmoral Beach Club from 2002-2008.

"The objectives of the Foundation strongly appeal to my philosophy that charities should concentrate on helping young Australians reconnect with the community through education and awareness of the challenges for our youth. The Foundation provides a framework that enables troubled young members of our society to become proud and productive Australians."





Mr Robert Ho OAM

Board of Governors member since 1994

Robert migrated to Australia from Hong Kong at age 18. After establishing successful catering and restaurant businesses in Manly and Chinatown, he went on to set up the Chinatown Chamber of Commerce to provide networking and support to local Chinese charities. Robert has been actively involved in a large number of charitable causes both inside and outside the Chinese community and was awarded an OAM in 1995 for services to the community and international trade. In 2007 he was awarded the police bravery award for his efforts and cooperation with NSW police in capturing a Chinese criminal gang and in 2009 he was the recipient of the Premier's Chinese Community Service award for his charitable contribution to the Community.

"I am Chinese by birth but have spent over 50 years living in Australia. I have adult children of my own. My belief is that our children must have good supervision and guidance in order for them to follow the right path. I do what I can to help in some way and being on the Board allows me to do this."



Rear Admiral Tony Horton AO RAN (Rtd)

Board of Governors member since 1990

Rear Admiral Tony Horton entered the Royal Australian Naval College as a 13 year old Cadet Midshipman, one year behind David Martin. His last naval posting was Flag Officer Naval Support Command, where he relieved David Martin. His service career included staff and command postings; he completed the Australian Army Command and Staff Course, and holds a BA(UNE). He became a Member of the Order of Australia in 1981 and an Officer in the Order in 1991. Following his retirement from the RAN in 1991, he worked in the public health environment, was a member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, a director of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of NSW, a Trustee of the HM Bark Endeavour Foundation, and is a patron of the RAN Communications Branch Association and a Naval Reserve Cadet Unit.

"As a naval colleague of Sir David Martin, I was honoured to join the Foundation's Board at its inception. I shared his views on the need to provide help for youth in crisis. My belief in the need for the Foundation, its aims and its important work, remains as strong today as it was then."



Mrs Maggi Morgan

Board of Governors member since 2002

Maggi was born and educated in Northern Ireland. She worked in tourism and advertising before marrying a Royal Naval Officer and moving to the South of England. Maggi had the pleasure of meeting Sir David Martin on several occasions. Moving to Australia in 1983, She worked with the Multiple Sclerosis Society for 24 years as Manager of Volunteer Services NSW. During that time she coordinated a team of regular volunteers for MS clients and chaired the Friends of MS Committee, which raised money for young people with MS residing in Nursing Homes throughout NSW.

"I made a personal commitment to become involved on the day I heard the speech made by Sir David Martin. It expressed his despair about the homeless youth on our streets and his desire to establish an organisation to work alongside Mission Australia supporting young people in crisis and those that had lost their way."

Rear Admiral Chris Oxenbould AO RAN (Rtd)

Board of Governors member since 2010

Rear Admiral Chris Oxenbould joined the Navy at the age of 15 and had a career of over 37 years, rising to the rank of Rear Admiral and retiring as the Deputy Chief of Navy in 1999. His career is biased towards fleet operations and training, including several command postings. Chris served with David Martin as the navigating and operations officer in HMAS Torrens when Captain David Martin had command of the ship. On retiring from the Navy, Chris worked with the NSW Government, spending 2 years in the Premier's Department, 2 years as Chief Executive of the Newcastle Port Corporation and 4 years as the Chief Executive of NSW Maritime, during which time he was seconded to Sydney Ferries Corporation for six months as the Chief Executive. Chris retired from NSW Maritime in March 2008 and now works part-time as an adviser on maritime and Defence matters.

"I have been a keen observer of the Foundation and its great achievement for many years and am pleased to be a part of the team."





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