

## Australian Unity Foundation Grant Recipients

The Australian Unity Foundation supports charities that work to make our community a better place to live. We prefer to make a smaller number of substantial grants to charities that we feel offer unique programs that fit within our guiding theme of wellbeing.

Below are the charities and projects that the Australian Unity Foundation grants have helped to fund over the years.

### Australian Unity Foundation 2011 Recipients



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#### **Australian Community Safety & Research Organisation (ACRO)**

The Australian Community Safety & Research Organisation work to improve the quality of life for many older Australians who find themselves isolated in their homes with no access to social interaction.

The grant money will help its 'Day Tripper' program reduce the isolation that many older people who live on their own experience. The program will provide access to a range of activities that help older people rebuild friendships and provides the option of socialising with others in a similar situation that otherwise may not exist.

#### **Australian Quadriplegic Association Victoria (AQA)**

Australian Quadriplegic Association Victoria helps people with disabilities and their families build hope, inner strength and self efficacy to re-assert control over their lives.

The funding will help their 'Discovering the Power in Me' program provide training that applies concepts of positive psychology used in sports psychology, presented by people with life experience of spinal cord injury.

### **The Beacon Foundation**

The Beacon Foundation inspires and motivates students to stay in school and graduate, or choose a positive pathway that enables successful transition to employment, further education or training.

The Australian Unity Foundation grant will help to support their program at Victorian University Secondary Colleges for one year, including provision of high impact programs that inspire, motivate and encourage students to reach their full potential.

### **Carers Victoria**

More than 700,000 Victorians are caring for a family member or a friend with a disability, mental illness, a chronic illness or who is frail. Carers Victoria works to improve the health, wellbeing resilience and economic security of carers and caring families.

The Australian Unity Foundation grant will help Carers Victoria's Friendly Practice in Residential Aged Care project provide training and information to residential aged care staff to help them work more effectively in partnership with caring family members.

### **PivotWest Health Services – StreetHealth (2010 & 2011)**

PivotWest has established StreetHealth—an innovative mobile 'street based' after hours health service aimed at the homeless, transient youth and other disadvantaged groups within the community.

PivotWest have been selected to receive a grant for a second year to allow them to continue the StreetHealth program. StreetHealth medical services are delivered by dedicated doctors and nurses at a variety of locations around Melbourne's inner suburbs.

### **The Reach Foundation**

The Reach Foundation provides education and support to assist young people develop the social skills and emotional awareness to help reduce the risk of depression, substance abuse, homelessness and a suicide.

The Australian Unity Foundation grant will help run the Threshold and Advanced Camps that provides young people with the right tools to overcome adversity and build resilience.

### **2007 – 2010 Australian Unity Foundation Grant Recipients**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>
<b>2010</b>	Amy Gillett Foundation	AustCycle
	Ardoch Foundation	Incursions, Excursions and Camps Project
	Challenge	Challenge Parent Dinner Program
	I Give a Buck!	Priority Kids Program
	Prahran Mission	The Stables Art Program
	PivotWest Health Services	StreetHealth Program
	Women's Circus	Social Circus Program

<b>2009</b>	Australian Theatre for Young People	On the Road – Palm Island QLD & Tennant Creek NT
	Challenge	Challenge Parent Dinner Program
	Lighthouse Foundation	Addressing the cause of homelessness
	Wesley Mission Melbourne	Wesley Homeshare
	Youth Projects Inc.	Cooking on the Streets Pilot Program
<b>2008</b>	Alzheimer's Australia	Supporting Indigenous Communities Initiative
	Australian Theatre for Young People	Australian Theatre for Young People on the road
	Carers Australia	Supporting Young Carers
	Mission Australia	Regional Environmental Employment Program
	MS Society	Pain Management Education Program
	Lighthouse Foundation	Lighthouse Education Project – Annual Scholarship Grants
	SANE Australia	Mental Health and Living with a Chronic Illness Awareness Program
	Wesley Mission	Wesley Homeshare
<b>2007</b>	Carers Australia	Young Carer Workshops – to give young carers a break
	MS Society	Pain Management Education Program
	Australian Youth Orchestra	Young Symphonists - Strings program
	International Diabetes Institute	Identification of novel genes influencing development of type 2 diabetes
	Mission Australia	Regional Environmental Employment Program
	SANE Australia	Mental Health and Living with Chronic Illness – Awareness Program
	The Smith Family	