

Steve Helmich, Future2, Chair



Narrowing the field of deserving applicants to produce a shortlist is always a challenging undertaking. Nonetheless, the Grants & Projects Committee was unanimous in its selection. The recipient projects each have a great track record of achievement and a passionate commitment to touching and improving the lives of young Australians who are marginalized and lacking the opportunities most of us take for granted.

We congratulate our 2010 grant recipients, and look forward to hearing of their progress through the year. Visit our website for regular updates, or to donate to Future2.

This year the quality and relevance of applications to our selection criteria was higher than ever. We saw a wider geographic spread and greater engagement by financial planners. It was inspiring to read of the work being done to repair damaged lives, build essential skills and offer pathways to sustainable employment.

Future2 made its first grants in 2007, the year of the foundation's establishment. Each year since then trustees have made further grants under the Future2 Make the Difference! Program, committing over \$100,000 to community initiatives that are bringing a second chance and hope for a better future to financially and socially disadvantaged young Australians.



Support an application for a 2011 Make the Difference! Grant

Future2 grants are made to grassroots community projects working to better the opportunities and lives of young people who are disadvantaged and disengaged. Every application requires the support – and preferably the active involvement – of a financial planning professional. Perhaps you know of a project that fits our criteria and is in need of financial support to get established, to continue its work, or to expand a program?

See our website for eligibility criteria, or send an enquiry to info@future2foundation.org.au.



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2010 Make the Difference! Grants

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Youth at Risk Music Program

North Sydney, NSW



In 17 of 20 juvenile justice centres across Australia, ACMF runs a music program that allows emotionally troubled young people to express their emotions and channel their energy and abilities through music, rather than through violence and self harm. Music is positive and creative and has the power to improve emotional well-being, literacy and numeracy skills, behavior and self confidence. The result is better employment outcomes for students after release and a lower incidence of reoffending.

ACMF aims to make music programs permanent in every Juvenile Detention Centre in Australia. A \$10,000 grant from Future2 will contribute to that vision, adding to the funds needed to embark on another 12 month program. The grant will help pay for the cost of the highly qualified and experienced music educators and, to a lesser extent, the program's running costs.

In weekly classes students learn to write songs, play the guitar, bass, keyboard and drums, and experience hip hop music, as well as mix sounds and produce their own records. They develop trust in their teachers, who often become the students' mentors whilst in detention and after release.

The grant application was supported by John Tutt, FPA member.

How you can be involved:

- Listen to recordings and digital presentations of students in detention
- Attend performances of students
- Donate through workplace giving
- Invite an ACMF teacher to facilitate a jam or song writing session at your workplace
- Encourage staff to raise funds using Everyday Hero, My Fundraising and social or work events
- Join in ACMF social media - a quarterly newsletter, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube

www.acmf.com.au

Family Resource & Network Support Inc

Financial literacy for young people with disabilities
Croydon, NSW



To live independently in the community people with disabilities must develop skills, one of the most important being the ability to handle money. It makes them more confident, less likely to be exploited or feel isolated and opens up much wider possibilities for living and working. And, of course, financial independence lightens the load for parents and carers. Since 1983 FRANS has been making things happen for people with disabilities in Sydney's Inner West, providing respite to families and carers and enabling those with disabilities to live full and active lives in the community.

A \$10,000 grant from Future2 will enable FRANS to build on its Financial Literacy Program and offer up to 20 intellectually and physically disabled 18-24 year olds the opportunity to develop essential money skills over a 12 week program. There is already a waiting list of young people keen to attend. They will set their own goals and have a learning plan developed to meet them, taking account of individual abilities and barriers.

The grant application was supported by Guy Thornycroft, FPA Sydney Chapter committee member.

How you can be involved:

- Direct volunteering in the Financial Literacy Program
- Mentoring participants to develop retail skills, within the FRANSshop
- Assisting with excursions or administrative tasks
- Attending events, such as FRANSplants market stalls and the For Art's Sake, an annual fundraiser

www.frans.com.au

Young Women's Craft Group

Pearce, Canberra, ACT



Homelessness, domestic violence, drug and alcohol dependence and mental problems are common experiences for a group of young mothers now living in Canberra refuges, awaiting allocation of Government housing. Every week they come together in Galilee's LIFT building for craft workshops. They now look forward to formalizing a Young Women's Craft Group to develop their small business management skills and create a part time income.

Peer education, pre-vocational training and personal development are the foundation stones of Galilee's Commonwealth-supported LIFT program. Over one hundred 15 – 20 year olds have taken part in group workshops and intensive one on one support, developing their independence and self-esteem, and their sense of belonging in the community.

A \$6,000 grant from Future2 will cover the set up costs of the young women's craft group and the purchase of essential supplies. The program provides hands-on training in small business management that may lead to a part time income as well as an opportunity to gain literacy and numeracy skills. The young women will plan, budget, research their market, draft a business plan, set up bookkeeping and sell at local markets. The Group is their only chance of education and training, gaining skills and a brighter, more secure future for themselves and their children.

The grant application was supported by Philip Basche, former FPA ACT Chapter Chair and a director of Galilee.

How you can be involved:

- Volunteers to attend craft group meetings in Kambah, as business mentors
- Assistance with business planning, bookkeeping and ongoing management
- Attendance at the first markets, and purchase of handmade crafts.

www.galilee.org.au

Charcoal Lane

Melbourne, VIC



Charcoal Lane is more than a top restaurant. It is new kind of social enterprise that provides the best work experience, hospitality training and support to Aboriginal and disadvantaged young people. The Charcoal Lane program addresses the needs of indigenous youth through the power of education, training and working together as a team. Most participants move on to fulfilling careers and productive roles in the community.

Over an 18 month period, the trainees move from an induction program and intensive skills workshop with the William Angliss Institute to restaurant training under the guidance and supervision of professional chefs and kitchen staff, and finally to work experience placements.

A Future2 grant of \$15,000 will support one of the 32 trainees for the year. He or she will gain real work experience in a fast paced and exciting restaurant which operates for over 14 hours a day 5 days a week. At the end, the trainee will have gained the skills, confidence and stability to embark on new career and a brighter future.

The grant application was supported by Julian Place, FPA Melbourne Chapter Chair.

How you can be involved:

- Dine at Charcoal Lane and see firsthand how Future2 funding is contributing to the training and development of the trainees
- Hold an event at Charcoal Lane so a wider group can see the project in action
- Offer pro bono support to teach fundamental financial principles on which the trainees can build more stable and secure lives.

www.charcoallane.com.au