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Give now! FPA member challenges others to action on Future2

Financial planners looking to minimise their tax payments ahead of the financial year end should remember their own foundation first, says Future2.

Brian Quarrell of Wheeler Investment Advisors has set the challenge for all licensees and financial planners by gifting \$2,000, becoming Future2's first online corporate donor.

"This year has been good for some and not so good for others; but all of us should be supporting Future2, the Foundation for financial professionals", says Brian Quarrell.

"We are a smaller dealer group but if all Principal FPA members give whatever they can it would be a fantastic message to our clients and the public.

"At Wheelers we've been so impressed by Future2 and what they've been able to achieve in a short timeframe that we felt it was time we stepped up and backed our belief in what it's all about. There are numerous foundations we could support but Future2 is, in a sense, our foundation and we're really happy to be a part of it", Mr Quarrell said.

Within a few months of establishment last year, Future2 made grants to three community projects in Adelaide, Brisbane and Mildura. Each one is working – with support from local FPA members – to give a second chance to kids who desperately need a helping hand. A second round of Future2 Make the Difference! Grants will be awarded in November.

"Naturally, reducing tax is a great incentive to give and we have a window of opportunity until 30 June. But we should also give to Future2 because it's the foundation of the financial planning profession", said Future2 Chair Terry Power, who is also Chairman of the WHK Group, a listed Australasian financial services company.

"The more money we raise now, the more we'll be able to grant and the more young Australians we'll help", Mr Power added.

Future2 is accepting online donations at www.future2foundation.org.au. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Future2's first founding donor was AMP.

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Future2 exists to support the financially under-privileged and to enable the financial planning profession and associated stakeholders to give back to the community from which they draw their livelihoods. A key factor differentiating Future2 from other foundations is the strong link it seeks to establish with FPA members who will assist with project identification, fundraising and promoting the foundation's work in the community.