



Disabled Children's Foundation – President's Annual Report 2018

"Dedicated to Enhancing the lives of Children with Disabilities"

In 2017 -2018 Disabled Children's Foundation completed 21 years of support to Disabled Childrens in our Community.

Whilst our continued financial support for a range of different organisations is testament to our resolve, we have also focused on a number of cross promotional activities. The Disabled Children's Foundation has developed the relationship with various organisations to provide a service that goes beyond the provision of funds.

Our networking and peer to peer support has expanded fundraising opportunities within the community, providing the organisations with the scope and support to take the necessary steps to achieve their goals.

The world of fundraising has changed dramatically. The impact of social media, the introduction of the National Disability Insurance Scheme and subsequent confusion that now exists in the general community. The end users unsure of future funding and the public's misconception that their fund raising issues have now been resolved – means that the need for our support continues to grow.

The Foundation recognised the need to change our direction and has embarked on a number of programmes to change our funding protocols. The fact remains that many organisations look to us for support. Their ability to raise much needed funds is enhanced when we provide a service working with the organisation to develop their existing resources and provide guidance and support in new joint ventures.

This year we have provided on-going support for the following organisations;

- Riding for the Disabled Groups
- Education Support Schools and Centres
- Outback Academy
- Other organisations on a as needs basis determined by the Board.

Activities and Programs supported this year are as follows but not limited to:

Children's Camps,	Musical Equipment,	Playground equipment,
Outdoor Classroom,	Ablutions Block Upgrades,	Horse Welfare,
Bike Program,	Uniforms for Outings,	Enhanced Riding Tracks,
Playground Upgrades,	Library/ Reading Additions,	Sensory Gardens,
RDAWA State Games Showbags,		Tricycle and Bike Pathways,
DIS Gap Funding Subsidies,		Specialised Equipment.

Our activities have not been limited to Western Australia. With the promotion of the Disabled Children's Foundation and fund raising in South Australia, New South Wales and Queensland. All funds are allocated back to the State in which they were raised.

The number of organisations supported each year by the Disabled Children's Foundation can vary, however since our inception we have provided financial support of \$2,658,596

Like all organisations we rely heavily on the support from our staff and volunteers.

The Foundation was extremely fortunate to have 18 volunteers this past year, whom we thank.

All their energy, input and dedication are testament to the management and expertise which Mrs Tracey Honeycutt provides the Foundation. Her role is to lead the office, manage the day to day requirements and to work diligently on fundraising activities. Tracey never loses sight of our goals, within a complex and constantly – evolving environment. On behalf of the Board I wish to thank Tracey for the amazing job she delivers.



The Disabled Children's Foundation benefited from Community Fundraising Projects to name a few:

- Ms Ada Ahpee a 7 year old student, creating a fundraising project within her school, specifically for the Disabled Children's Foundation.
- Dancing Fillies Western Australia
- Grill'd Healthy Burgers - Made with Love

Ada's Hall of Fame – recognition and thanks



Members of the Board have attended various partnership and fund receiptants events throughout the year. Our presence was important to witness the outcomes and impact of the services that we provide for the disabled children within the community. Whilst also providing an insight as to current difficulties faced by organisations. We can then continue to engage and problem solve and collaborate with them to develop the best strategy for future development.

This year we have attended the following functions;

- RDAWA State Games
- RDAWA Awards Presentation
- RDAWA Gala Ball
- Outback Academy – Red Dust Heelers
- Education Support Schools

The Foundation strives to achieve the highest standards and best practice. We are subject to an Annual Audit and the stringent requirements of the Department of Racing and Gaming. The Foundation abides by their exacting standards to ensure that all monies raised are utilised in a responsible manner. For us a fulfilling recognition is when we pass the scrutiny of our stakeholders and donors.

As an ongoing commitment, where possible the Foundation strives to ensure that our donors are aware of the enormous support they provide. The Foundation has the benefit of seeing the outcomes for the end user. This is the type of language often used by Boards and Government Departments. It is nondescript and belies the huge impact that can be made to enhance the lives of disabled children. We wish our donors to know and to be proud of the support they provide. Through them we combine efforts to assist organisations catering to the welfare, inclusion and support of disabled children.

The Board of Disabled Children’s Foundation is dedicated to expanding the integral non-financial component of our program and increase our interaction with current and new partners, alliances, and service providers of disabled and disadvantaged children.

The Foundation will continue to develop and enhance the current strategic plan, along with the commitment of Nurture, Development and Growth being foremost in our delivery to the Disabled Children within our community.

We will continue to share information, combine efforts and raise much needed funds that provide necessary services within the sector.

Children with disabilities, share the same spirit of adventure, hopes and dreams, as every other child. The problem is not that they lack the desire; often, all that’s missing is the opportunity.



Our mission of “Dedication to Enhancing the lives of children with disabilities” remains the fore front of our goals.

Mr Mark Allan Pope – President Disabled Children’s Foundation Inc.