

Sammy D News

City to Bay 2011

For this years City to Bay we partnered with **Sky Personal Training** and **SA Crowns Indoor Netball Junior Development Squad**, which saw our team explode to an incredible **86 runners** and helped raise approximately **\$5,000**. Thank you to all members of the **Sammy D City to Bay 2011 Team** and to our volunteers who served refreshments and breakfast to the runners upon completion of the race.

A big thumbs down to the people who stole our barbeque the night before the event, however thanks to the support of our amazing volunteers and the Wallace family who loaned us their barbeque the morning still ran smoothly.

A huge acknowledgment to our major fundraisers, in particular **Merv Atkinson** who was in the top eight of Every Day Heroes Fundraisers.

We are really pleased with the success of City to Bay 2011 and look forward to increasing our team numbers next year so keep an eye out for the dates and get involved with team Sammy D.



Corporate Supporters 2011



This quarter **Magain Real Estate** has come on board as a **major corporate partner**. For every house sold by a "friend" of the Sammy D Foundation Magain Real Estate will make a

significant donation. If you are planning to sell your property in the Adelaide Metropolitan area please contact [Mike Dobbin](#) 0417 877 219 or [Travis Denham](#) 0422 052 218 and make sure to mention that you are a friend of the Sammy D Foundation to receive a **great discount**.

Get behind Mike and Travis at Magain Real Estate, a great local company supporting your charity.

We are very fortunate to have the ongoing support of **Cheap as Chips** who have helped the Foundation since its' beginning with generous donations and advice. A recent, generous donation from Cheap as Chips has contributed to the funding of **DREAM IT** and has ensured the program's longevity.

Finally a big thanks for the ongoing support from the businesses who have allowed us to have collection boxes at their premises and have raised significant funds. Especially **Brodie Road Deli** and **Maid of Auckland Hotel**.

Southern Football League Grandfinals

This is the fourth year that the foundation has had a presence at the Southern Football League Grandfinals and as always it was a fantastic day where people from all clubs come together and support players lucky enough to reach the grandfinal of each grade.

Again our volunteers did an amazing job promoting the work we do and the crowd was awesome. A special mention to Todd, Jordan and Caitlyn Stokes, Tye Mcivor and Kaleb Hesse who collected nearly \$1000 from the crowd.

This kind of fundraising and promotion makes a huge difference to us, thanks for your support and congratulations to Brighton on winning the A-grade



Save The Date

Up Coming Sammy D Events:

Friday, 21st October 2011 **3rd Annual Corporate Golf Day** **Thaxted Park Golf Club**

For Registration Or Sponsorship
Information Contact:

Daniel Lowe - 0449 901 151 or
info@sammydfoundation.org.au

Friday, 28th October 2011 **Youth Mentoring Week**

Promotional Display and Entertainment
Rundle Mall
10:00am - 7:00pm

Monday, 21st November 2011 **Sammy D Foundation AGM**

Southern Youth Exchange Reynella (Behind Fasta Pasta)
Please contact [Janine](#) if you would like more information.

Sunday, 4th March 2012 **Sammy D Comedy Gala**

Capri Theatre
2:00pm - 5:00pm

Strap in for another awesome event! save the date!

Sammy D Connect

Mentoring is one of the most rewarding parts of the work we do. Our mentors are committed to work with groups and in 1:1 situations with young people. The aim is to provide positive role models as well as opportunities to succeed and become more involved in the community. Our mentors do a fantastic job and are in high demand. Chris Whittington has been mentoring for us since May this year and is about to start working with his 3rd client. Chris and one of the young men he has been working with have described how important this mentoring is to them..

"Having a mentor is good because it keeps me out of trouble and shows new ways how to have fun that aren't illegal.. We've played basketball and chris owned me! He taught me how to play the shoot around basketball game 'horse'. It's good fun." - Simon 16yrs

"We started the first few weeks of mentoring looking at his (Simon's) interest in starting a TAFE course and/or job.. Most recently we spent time go-karting. Couldn't wipe the smile from Luke's face, it was great to see." - Chris SDF Mentor

We now have nine 1:1 mentors working with eleven young people. Another five mentors have just completed their training and are already designated to new referrals that have come in the past month. These new mentors are vital to this ever increasing role for the foundation and they all do an amazing job.

CRC-Connect continues with Noarlunga Downs Community Unit DFC Clients with the end of grant funding not spelling the end of the program. We are committed to continuing this relationship as a way of supporting community engagement for young people living in care. Many of the people who have participated as mentors in this program will transition to 1:1 mentoring next year with a new group of mentors visiting the unit on a regular basis.

This quarter a further fourteen young people have been supported to engage with various sporting and community organisations. Sporting involvement includes: football, rugby, netball, boxing, Karate and baseball.

Our mentors tell us how rewarding it is to see positive change in the young people they work with. If you would like to get involved and make an amazing difference in a young person's life please let us know.

Sammy D Party Wise

In collaboration with **DrugArm** we are holding a Free Party Wise Parent Teen Forum on October 18th 7 – 9.30 pm at the Walkerville Town Hall. If you are a parent, a teenager or a family member this forum is for you. The 'rights' and 'rites' of parties will be demystified and the risks and responsibilities of parties in your home will be discussed. If you want to keep your kids and/or your mates safe then come along.

To register email nat@sammydfoundation.org.au

Sammy D Impact Presentations

Quarterly Stats: 14 Presentations, **1000 people**

The Impact message never fails to give the audience something to think about in terms of the choices that they make or the influence that they can have on others.

On September 1st we visited Blair Athol Primary School which opened at the beginning of the year when several schools in the area merged. The school is very diverse in terms of the multicultural origins of its students and boasts new facilities that are second to none, including a massive gym which well equipped with AV equipment.

Our presentation was to the Yr 7 students and was followed by a whole of school Hip-Hop workshop with Guidance Crew. We were treated to some awesome individual performances by school students as well as the usual quality entertainment from the crew.

Guidance Crew then joined Sammy D Mentors in workshops with the Yr 7 students where we talked about the impact and consequences of violent and antisocial behaviours.

As always this was a fantastic day and Blair Athol Primary is a great school to visit!

We are now taking bookings for 2012 so if you would like us to visit your school or community organization please contact nat@sammydfoundation.org.au



Volunteers

We have had a big increase in the number of people putting their hands up to volunteer for the foundation. If you have completed a registration form in the last few months, we will be in contact shortly with the details for our next round of induction training on 26th October.

Work continues on the Volunteer Handbook and once completed we will distribute copies to all of our active volunteers so that they can keep up to date with our policies and procedures.

The next volunteer induction training will include:

- Volunteer Induction and Introducing Mentoring – 2 hours
- Mentor Training and Child Safe Environments Training – 3 hours

If you have signed on to volunteer and do not want to become a mentor, there are many other ways to get involved. Keep an eye out for our monthly meeting notices and the variety of Community engagement events that you may be able to help out with. We are always on the lookout for new fundraising ideas, so if you have a little bit of time to put towards an event OR have a fantastic fundraising idea, please let us know.

To join the team and help us make a difference, please download a [Volunteer Registration Form](#) and send it to us. Alternatively contact us and we will send the form out.



Community Engagement

As the year continues to fly by, we have been very busy raising funds and making connections with the community. On Saturday, July 23rd, a large group of volunteers spent the day at **Bunnings Marion** to cook up a stack of snags and spread the word about the foundations activities. PAFC player and CRC Mentor **Haimish Hartlett** also joined the crew and helped us raise another \$1400 to go towards program expenses. A huge thank-you to everyone who helped out on the day.

Thirty people attended the Boat License Fundraiser in August and with a 100% success rate, there are a lot more people licensed to drive boats this summer! Due to the success of the night we will be holding another session in the new year, keep an eye out for the date in the coming months.



Spotlight on Supporters

John Dawkins

Jill Hook

Alan Hook

Marie Gould

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Geoff and Marg Carpenter

Scott Murfitt

Annette Semmens

Suren Yogalingam

Rebecca Lewicki

Judy Threadgold

Kathryn Cassetti

Michelle Spall and Family

Dream It

DREAM IT; is a new and exciting program which encourages students to positively express themselves through Hip-Hop dance. This is a collaboration between the Sammy D Foundation, Guidance Crew and students from Parafield Gardens High School. Guidance Crew work with the PGHS students on a weekly basis developing a dance focussing on self-confidence and self-expression. DREAM IT encourages the students to take ownership of their performance and to take on a role of positive leadership within their school and community. The DREAM IT crew have visited The Pines, Karrendi, Settlers Farm, Salisbury Downs, Parafield Gardens and Riverdale primary schools where they have performed their dance followed by a workshop that enables the year 7 students to learn this dance for themselves. These performances and workshops are held to allow the students of PGHS feeder schools to meet positive role models within their future high school making the transition to high school life easier.

The 20 students in the DREAM IT crew come from various cultural backgrounds (Filipino, Cambodian, Tanzanian, Vietnamese, Laos, Australian and more) and each hold up a slogan during the performance which represents a key inspirational word that has meaning in their lives.

“Being a part of the DREAM IT Dance Crew has been a wonderful experience for all of us. After forming DREAM IT we have all become heaps close and now we are like a little family. We have met new people while we have been teaching primary school students. We love teaching the kids how to dance. We like to see them smile because it makes us feel like we are making them very happy. The DREAM IT dance program is basically about us trying to help other young people to improve their self confidence.” -

Kimberley (Yr 9), Brendan (Yr 9), Beatrice (Yr 8), Sital (Yr 8)

“... thank you for the wonderful ‘learning program’ and experience you are providing for our students. Your contribution is certainly making a significant ‘difference’ for our school culture.” - Nanette Van Ruiten, PGHS Principal

Community Engagement

“As part of my Certificate IV in Youth Work I was required to complete 140 hours of placement, I approached the Sammy D Foundation as their work in the community greatly interested me. I think had I done my placement somewhere else I wouldn’t have gotten as much out of it as I did with the Foundation. I completed my placement after 6 weeks and in that time I assisted in the development of the Sammy D Vocational Connect Program and began mentoring at Community Residential Facilities; assisting the young people with their homework. I also facilitated activities with Bedford Industries that run courses from the youth centre where the Sammy D office is located.

I will continue to volunteer for the Foundation and am looking forward to helping out more with the retail Connect program.” - **Jessie - 20 yrs**

On the 10th of September Ben Hardy attended the Sturt Blue Light Camp on behalf of the Sammy D Foundation. He found it a very rewarding experience and commented:

“The camp was a fantastic experience. It was great to see all the kids from Ascott Park Primary supporting each other to face new challenges. Challenge Hill was a great way to start the camp, and the abseiling on Sunday pushed everyone to new limits. The kids should be very proud of their achievements.” - **Ben - 28 yrs**

Fundraising

So that we can continue to support young people in achieving their goals, and in order to make a difference, fundraising is always of paramount importance to us.

There are a couple of ways you can help:

Collection Boxes

Your Business may be able to have one of our collection boxes on site. Every bit of small change helps and quickly adds up to make a real difference. If you are interested in putting a collection box in your business please contact us on:

info@sammydfoundation.org.au

Online Shop

The Sammy D Foundation online shop is now up and running with hoodies, shirts, wristbands and other merchandise available.

Visit our [website](#), click on the shop button and support the foundation today.

Wear our merchandise with pride and help to be Sam’s voice.

Meet the Team

Lisa Hickey

"I am very proud to be involved with the Sammy D Foundation as it's Treasurer, having been a chartered accountant for 16 years. The total commitment I see from the Board and Volunteers is amazing and the programs are second to none. I know that what we are doing will change the lives of many young people and I am very grateful to be involved."



Louise Small

"With a passion for sport, leadership, coaching and guiding, I am delighted to have an active role in the direction of the Sammy D Foundation. A strong background in business management, training and finance has provided me with the skills with which to support the development of the foundation at both a strategic and operational level. Having coached and played netball from a young age my desire to provide a safe, nurturing and rewarding environment for young people fits closely with the ideals of the foundation and I am honoured to be part of the dynamic and progressive board which is in place. As a mother I know what a difference a safe and supportive environment can make to an individuals' confidence and ability to grow. Knowing how many children the Foundation is reaching and helping is a very rewarding association.."



Training Calendar

As part of our commitment to best practise in supporting our volunteers as they continue their work for the foundation, we will have three major volunteer induction sessions during the year. Up and coming dates are:

Wednesday, 26th October 2011

Wednesday, 8th February 2012

Wednesday, April 18 2012

Each of these Volunteer Induction sessions is a requirement for all new volunteers.

These sessions will be followed (generally within a week or two of the first session) by Mentor Training and Child Safe Environment training for those wishing to move into mentoring.

Please contact [Janine](#) about any of the Sammy D Foundation training session.

Organisational Committee Meetings

The Sammy D Foundation Organisational Committee is responsible for many of the fundraising activities conducted by the foundation throughout the year.

The committee meets on the first Monday of each month and is open to anyone who is interested in being involved in helping the foundation move forward.

All meetings are held at Onkaparinga Youth Services Reynella (behind Fasta Pasta). Meetings start at 7:30pm. If you would like to be notified of each meeting and receive an agenda, please contact [Janine](#)

The remaining dates for 2011 meetings are outlined below:

1st August 2011

5th September 2011

10th October 2011

7th November 2011

5th December 2011

