



# Sammy D News

## DGR

In simple terms any donation to us of \$2 or more is now fully tax deductible. Our receipt book is printed and we have begun to issue receipts.

Our journey to become a **DGR (Deductible Gift Recipient)** took over 2 years and a lot of hard work. We first worked very hard to define what we would be doing and how we would be doing it. Importantly we have been very clear and kept good records of our planning and our activities since our inception in 2008.

The difficulties we faced mostly surrounded meeting criteria and purpose set by the federal government in order to justify being granted tax deductible status. This is essentially what DGR means.

Our DGR has been granted as a **Harm Prevention Charity** and while some very large organizations have an office in South Australia the **Sammy D Foundation is the first South Australian Harm Prevention Charity**. This is something we are very proud of.

Any donations received are used to fund our Harm Prevention Programs. Read more about these under the Programs section of the newsletter or on our website.

Donations can be made in person, via our website donation page or via post to: **PO Box 54, Woodcroft SA 5162.**

Please make sure to supply us with your full name and postal address.

## How to Help:

To support the Sammy D Foundation, donate online at:

[www.sammydfoundation.org.au](http://www.sammydfoundation.org.au)

## Adam Internet

*Many thanks to **Adam Internet** for coming on board with the provision of internet services for the Sammy D Foundation. Please support this fantastic organisation.*

## Peregrine Corporation

We are extremely appreciative of the opportunity provided by **Peregrine Corporation** - BP On-The-Run, BP On-The-Run Drive Thru and some Mobil locations. Due to their willingness to allow us to have a collection box at 77 different sites and the generosity of so many, we have been able to raise a substantial amount over the last 6 weeks.

Thank you **Peregrine** and thank you to everyone who donated.



## Save the Date:

Sunday, 27th Feb 2011  
Sammy D Comedy Gala

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**The Capri Theatre**  
Doors Open: 2pm

Up coming Sammy D events:

**Wednesday, 16th Feb 2011**  
**Bali Night @ The Highway**  
Doors Open: 7pm

Includes:

**Summer Fashion Parade**  
**DJ Devious**  
**Live Band**  
**A fun night out and much more!**

Our annual Comedy Gala is now in its third year. Damian Callinan will host the Gala and performers include: Arj Barker, Fiona O'Loughlin, John Robins (UK), Mark Trenwith and Brian Pritchard with more surprises to come.

A tasting plate of Fringe performers.

Entry by Gold Coin Donation at the door.

Tickets on sale now and available through FringeTix.

FringeTIX  
**1300 FRINGE**  
**374643**

Reminder:

Corporate Golf Day - 21/10/11

## Programs



Nat and Kate Loizi delivering an Impact Presentation

## Sammy D Impact Presentations

Supported By:



Government of South Australia  
Attorney-General's Department

**Impact** – *Raising awareness about the consequences of choices.*

Since March we have presented 45 times in a variety of locations including schools, sporting clubs, juvenile training facilities and community organizations. These groups have ranged in size from 4 to 500.

We were lucky enough to receive a grant from the **Attorney General's Department** at the beginning of the year which enabled us to purchase AV equipment, fund fuel costs and printing costs associated with the program.

We have surveyed many of the attendees immediately

following the presentation and have now begun following the attendees up 3-6 months later. This is a difficult task but very worthwhile in terms of finding out how much information is retained and seeing any changes in their decision making associated with violent incidents. A full report will be posted on the website in the next few months.

This program has now developed into a presentation and workshop which can be delivered at any venue and targets ages 10 to 18. We have been approved to present at government schools under the **ICANs funded Youth Development Programs** and

we will be taking this on the road in 2011 with the **Yorke Peninsula** hosting our first series of rural workshops. We are also combining the use of Hip-Hop with mentoring workshops.

The **GU&I Dance Crew** are a group of young people from diverse cultural backgrounds who are helping us to send a positive message to young people.



GU&I Dance Crew

## Sammy D Connect - Encourage, Motivate, Reward

**CONNECT** – *providing opportunities and support for at risk youth.*

With the help of a **Community Benefits SA** grant we have commenced a program for young people living under the care of the guardian in **Families SA** accommodation.

We aim to visit all residential care facilities located from Mt. Gambier to Whyalla before the end of 2011.

All young people will get the opportunity to listen to our Impact presentation and to spend time with our youth mentors.

We are spending additional time (fortnightly) with young people living in 2 facilities in the southern area. We are providing opportunities for them to link with positive youth mentors, community and sporting organizations in a supportive manner.

On Xmas day we were able to get in touch with Father Christmas and he joined us on a visit to one of the houses which accommodates 11 young people aged 8 – 15. It made for a wonderful start to the day for them.

Three youth mentors also volunteered their time and helped to keep the young people entertained. An amazing volunteer contribution on Xmas Day.

Thank you **Sophie Hardy, Laura Reed, Ashlee Sepp** and **Bob Simms** for making a difference.

**Ashlee Sepp** followed this up by singing at a Xmas Lunch held at **Aldinga Football club**.

Disadvantaged and homeless clients from a number of agencies were invited to attend and were treated to a

fabulous lunch, visit from Santa which we were again able to arrange, craft/ outdoor activities and gifts.

Again thank you to the amazing volunteers that gave up time on Xmas day and joined us there – **Phil and Linda Reed, Peter Hislop, Janine Hook, Kerry and Sarah**.

*"Thank you for your commitment, compassion toward our young people, your work and all the energy you are putting into it are truly appreciated by all young people and Staff from NDCU."*



Logo for the Party Wise campaign.

## PartyWise

During 2010 we have conducted several surveys asking young people about their experiences at parties. The results are on our website.

We have, from this, developed a plan for parent/teen forums to be held at schools and community groups which will assist with the planning of safer parties.



We have collaborated with **Drug Arm** in the planning of this and held a pilot forum at **Mt Barker Waldorf School** during November with fantastic feedback.

We now aim to secure funding which will ensure that these forums can be delivered free of charge.

## Community Engagement

We have been very busy again over the past three months, getting out and about in the community and meeting new people.

**SFL Grand Final Day** was a success again this year and we would like to thank the **Southern Football League** for allowing us to participate in this important event.

A small group of committed (some would say crazy) volunteers participated in the **Sunday Mail City-To-Bay Fun Run**. Runners and walkers wore **PartyWise** T-Shirts to promote

our **Don't Be The Idiot** campaign. Some personal bests were achieved and we hope to see more people running for the foundation in next year's event.



Sunday Mail City-to-Bay



In October, Sally from **Westpac** contacted us to make the **Sammy D Foundation** the recipient charity for their casual day fundraiser. Thanks to Sally and the staff **\$450** was raised for the foundation.

In November the **City of Onkaparinga Social Club** played their annual football game. The proceeds from this match were donated to the foundation and we would like to say thank you for raising approximately **\$600** for our programs.

On Christmas Day a group of volunteers visited the young people at the **Noarlunga CRC house**. The children were very excited to be visited by **Sammy D Foundation** volunteers and Santa. Each child received a Christmas gift and a few of the volunteers decided to stay longer to play with the children.

After the visit to Noarlunga our volunteers and Santa join with **St Vincent de Paul** to serve lunch to a group from the **Aldinga** area. Once again Santa bought smiles to many young faces by delivering presents to each child.



Ashlee Sepp, Nat and Santa at Aldinga FC (above) some of the people enjoying Christmas Lunch at Aldinga (below).



## Volunteers

Thanks to the fantastic Television Commercial produced by students from Flinders University, we have been receiving a growing number of inquiries about volunteering. If you have not seen the Ad, it is available to view on our website.

As always we are eternally grateful for the efforts made by all our volunteers in helping us to achieve our goals. This month we would like to specifically thank **Kallie Millar**.

Kallie is a teacher at **Warradale Primary School** and has been instrumental in helping to pull together the **CRC Connect Program**.

Kallie also contributes a great deal of her time to the **Connect Mentoring Program** and is always willing to help with any activity.

If you would like 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.



## Spotlight On Supporters

**Boss Inc**  
**Natalie Hall**  
**Neighbourhood Watch Woodcroft**  
**Bernadette Cummins**  
**SP and TL Moore**  
**City of Onkaparinga Social Club**  
**Westpac**

*Thank you!*

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## Technical Difficulties

We are pleased to announce that our technical difficulties have now been resolved.

Thanks to our new relationship with Adam Internet we are able to reach all members of our database regardless of their carrier.

As always we are contactable via our facebook group. If you are not a member already please join our [Facebook Group](#) - this is an excellent way for us to contact a lot of people at once and to keep everybody up to date with our activities.



## State Volunteer Congress 2010

On Monday, 6th December 2010, Nat and Janine attended the **State Volunteer Congress 2010** at the **National Wine Centre**.

Through our relationship with **Flinders University Screen Studies** and at the invitation of Alison Wotherspoon, Nat spoke about the Sammy D Foundation and the success of our TVC in recruiting volunteers and sending an important message of anti-violence.

The congress focused on the use of Social Media for volunteer organizations and the variety of ways that **Facebook**, **Twitter**, **Linked-in** and a number of other sites can be used to spread your message to a large group of people in a small amount of time.



***The foundation is Sam's voice - his message must be heard.***

## 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@sammydfoundation.org.au](mailto:janine@sammydfoundation.org.au)

The dates for 2011 meetings are outlined below:

**2nd February 2011**  
**7th March 2011**  
**4th April 2011**  
**2nd May 2011**  
**6th June 2011**  
**4th July 2011**  
**1st August 2011**  
**5th September 2011**  
**10th October 2011**  
**7th November 2011**  
**5th December 2011**

## National Youth Week 2011

With the support of a City of Onkaparinga regional event grant, the Sammy D Foundation will be coordinating the southern launch and closing events for National Youth Week 2011.

The launch event will be held on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 to kick off the National Youth Week celebrations in our region. The theme for National Youth Week 2011 is Own It!

The launch event aims to showcase all that is great about young people in the southern area and includes the presentation of the City of Onkaparinga Youth Recognition Awards by the Onkaparinga Youth Committee. We aim to showcase the skills, talents and achievements of young people by inviting schools and youth organizations in the region to contribute in some way. This contribution could be in the form of but not limited to:

- A performance by the school choir or band of contemporary music that is relevant to young people
- A stall from the school with games and activities for young people.
- Sporting activities conducted by students specialising in a particular sport.
- A demonstration of interesting science experiments by students.
- A 'vox pops' where students engage with other young people regarding their dreams for our region.

The event will be a carnival to celebrate the vibrant diversity of young people in the region. Schools will be invited to recommend student representatives to be involved in the planning committee for the event.

If you would like details about how to become involved in this exciting project, please contact [Janine Hook](#) - 0413 492 665.