



Sammy D News

Anti-Violence Walk - May 4

May 4th 2011 is the 3rd anniversary of Sam's death. As much as it is a very emotional day for all of Sam's family and friends, rather than be crippled by sadness the foundation uses this day to inspire the community to make positive choices.

Join the crew at the **Pt Noarlunga Jetty** and make the commitment together to spread the message about how violence effects the entire community.

This year we will meet at 5:00pm and move onto the South Adelaide Football Club at 5:30pm.

Bring a balloon to release. You could attach an anti-violence message to it - who knows where this message might end up? This event will be held rain or shine!

FOCUS ON BULLYING

With the ever present stories in the media about incidents of bullying behaviour in schools and a government push for funding toward prevention programs that focus on cyber-bullying and cyber-stalking, the foundation recently completed a survey of just over 100 young people in order to find out from them **"Where does Bullying start?"**.

The full paper will soon be available on our website but some of the interesting stats to come out of the research include:

- 37% of males surveyed have experienced emotional bullying, with 77% of this bullying taking place at school.
- 80% of females have experienced emotional bullying, with 85% of this bullying taking place at school.

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www.sammydfoundation.org.au

In contrast:

- 13% of males and 22% of females surveyed have experienced some form of cyber bullying

This is only a small survey and we intend to repeat this to a much larger group. However we believe that these results support school based interventions that target physical and emotional bullying rather than programs focussing solely on cyber issues..

The results have been forwarded to YACSA - SA's peak advocacy body. YACSA will be sending a position paper to the federal government which also supports school based anti bullying programs.



Save the Date

Up coming Sammy D events:

Friday 21st Oct 2011

3rd Annual

Corporate Golf Day

Thaxted Park Golf Club

More details and early bird registrations coming soon.

Program

Sammy D Impact Presentations

Supported By:



Nat and Neil delivering an Impact Presentation in Yorke Peninsula



Yorke Peninsula Road Trip

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

2011 has kicked off in a huge way. We have developed workshops that follow on from our presentations. These workshops really value add to this program and reinforce the importance of making the correct choices surrounding violence.

We are committed to supporting the **Advantage SA “Speakers in Schools”** program. We kicked off the school year as part of **Braeview Primary School’s “Be Brave”**

week delivering several short presentations which covered the entire school from Reception to Year 7. The presentations used the IMPACT story to assist the students make positive choices surrounding bullying behaviours. A great way to start the school program.

Our **Yorke Peninsula** road trip in February was the first week long program we have undertaken. We visited Kadina, Maitland, Ardrossan, Edithburgh, Yorketown and Moonta over 5 days and worked with all of the year 8 and 9



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students attending these schools as well as a few year 10s at some of the smaller schools. Over the course of the week we presented and workshopped with about 500 students. It was a fabulous week and we thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone and hearing about the challenges that young people face in the country.

**This Quarter
Impact Presentations: 24
People reached: 1,400**

Sammy D Connect - Encourage, Motivate, Reward

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

Our **Peer Connect Program** is continuing with activities being structured that are helping us to identify activities that the young people we are working with are really interested in.

club, games and a sausage sizzle. Thanks to **Daniel Sulzmann** and **Sarah Nathan**, club captain for helping us to pull this together. It was obvious that they have a family focussed club which supports our values of bringing families closer together and mateship. Thanks also to our peer leaders and both **Ian** and **Matilda Sulzmann** for their help on the day.

In March six of our volunteers facilitated a 3 course meal cook-off at the **Noarlunga Downs CRC**. The young people divided into 3 groups with Pumpkin Soup, Roast Lamb, Veggies, Yorkshire Puddings, Apple Crumble and Crème Caramel all on the menu.

It was fantastic to watch this group of young people aged 9-15 all contributing and creating a wonderful feast!

There are definitely some budding chefs and hospitality staff amongst them!

Our **Community Connect Program** is getting busier and we are creating amazing opportunities for young people.

In the first quarter this year we have arranged for **10 young people** to join various community organizations in order to participate in activities ranging from football and soccer to horse riding and dance.

We have arranged for fees to be paid, uniforms to be

supplied and in some cases helped with transport. These opportunities are often life changing and given the circumstances that many of the young people referred come from importantly can create life-long support systems, positive role models and help to build confidence.

One of the young people we connected to a club last year now spends extra time filling in for an older age group and helps the club by boundary umpiring.

We are commencing a series of training sessions that will build our base of community mentors and our pool of people who can assist with engaging young people in activities on a weekly basis. Many of these young people can't get to activities without support so if you have an hour or two that you can spare each week please contact us.

Somerton SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

50 Years On The Beach - 1960-2010

In February **Somerton Surf Lifesaving Club** hosted 12 young people at a **Come'n'Try** day. Our group was treated to a tour of the



Logo for the Party Wise campaign.

PartyWise

We have commenced developing our information packs for Party Wise. These packs will be available at our Party Wise forums and will provide information to parents and teenagers that assist in reinforcing the safe partying message.

We bring components of Party Wise to our Senior School workshops and as we establish vital partnerships in the delivery we look forward to doing more of these in the future.

We are looking for **sponsors** for all of our programs and materials. If you know of a business that could help us please contact Nat either by email or phone.

Community Engagement

Mad March actually started in February for us this year with two of our three major fundraisers for the year happening within two weeks of each other.

Bali Night at the Highway was a great night thanks to the hard work of the committee who pulled it all together with the help of **Christine McAuliffe** at the Highway. A huge thank you to **Jetty Surf Glenelg** and representatives from the **2010 Fireman's Calendar**. We would also like to thank **Alexandra Davids, Barbara Kapralova & Leticia Berryman** who modeled our **Party Wise** tank tops and helped us raise funds and spread the

safe partying message.

Our 3rd Annual **Comedy Gala** saw a return to the much loved **Capri Theatre**. Host **Damian Callinan** once again showed his many talents as he led a huge line-up of local and international guests including:

- Arj Barker**
- Fiona O'Loughlin**
- Jason Pestel**
- Sammy J**
- John Robins**
- Tommy Little**
- Tom Gleeson**
- Smart Casual**
- David Quirk**
- Motaz Hamde**
- Mark Trenwith**
- Michael Bowley**
- Brian Pritchard**

Advertising in the **Fringe Guide** proved a success and the huge crowd of **570** thoroughly enjoyed the show and laughed loudly!

Keep an eye out for next year's show - tickets will sell fast!



Comedy Gala 2011



Bali Night at the Highway



Volunteers

As our volunteer numbers continue to grow we are very happy to be able to provide placement opportunities for a number of students across a variety of fields including Youth Work and Social Work.

One of our current placement students - **Paula May** - has been conducting research surrounding bullying and conducted surveys as part of our Youth Week activities.

Paula talks about her experiences with the foundation below:

Whilst on placement at the Foundation I attended the Youth Week

launch at Christies Beach and talked to young people about their experiences with bullying. I am really pleased to be on this placement as it is a real passion of mine that young people are provided with guidance to make good strong decisions and I am also enjoying the contact with the young people.

Opportunities to volunteer for the foundation are available across a range of areas.

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.



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

Oganisational 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.

The remaining dates for 2011 meetings are outlined below:

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

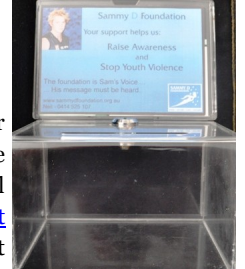
Fundraising

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 that 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. Please [contact](#) us if you can have a box at your business.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Packed full of discount vouchers for a wide range of places, these popular books are an easy way to help. For the price of \$65 each book contains \$1,000's worth of savings. The Sammy D Foundation receives \$13 from each book sold. If you would like to buy a book, please contact [Sheree Davis](#) or phone on 0433 162 326.

Get The Drift

On the 7th March, **Neil and Suzanne Hastwell** (Youth Work Placement Student) attended the **Get The Drift** Expo. This expo was hosted by Campbelltown Council and organized by the Eastern Region Youth Network (ERYN).

The expo was attended by approximately 350 students across 13 eastern high schools and provided an excellent opportunity for Neil and Suzanne to promote the foundation and its activities to a new audience.

Training Calendar

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

Wednesday, 15th June 2011

Wednesday, 26th October 2011

Wednesday, 8th Feb 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 all those wishing to move into mentoring.

Please contact [Janine Hook](#) for information about any of the Sammy D Foundation training sessions.