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South Australian hotels have a long and proud history of supporting their local communities. This support is demonstrated in all sorts of ways. Numerous pubs are major sponsors of football clubs across the state, many pubs donate meal vouchers for raffles or school quiz nights, whilst some hotels have formed close partnerships with charities to assist the work they do in the community. Hotels also support the hospitality and tourism industries in many ways.

The industry as a whole, through Hotel Care Community Projects, is also responsible for more substantial donations to charities and community organisations. This is made possible by the backing of the Independent Gaming Corporation. Since its inception in 1996, Hotel Care Community Projects has donated more than **8.5 million dollars** in over 540 grants.



Royal Flying Doctor Service

Since 1929, the RFDS has provided 24-hour emergency medical services to those who live, work and travel throughout Australia. Today the RFDS provides the finest care to more than 275,000 Australians each year – that's one person every 2 minutes.

The RFDS also delivers critical support to those who live in urban centres. This includes the regular transfer of patients to interstate hospitals for life-saving surgery such as organ transplant and heart surgery on new born babies.

The AHA|SA funding has enabled the Royal Flying Doctor Service Central Operations (RFDS) to purchase a new Zoll E Series Defibrillator for its vital work in saving people's lives who travel, work and live throughout South and Central Australia. This new unit is a defibrillator with a built-in cardiac monitor to monitor cardiac rhythms and record blood pressure. The lightweight and portable unit is described by RFDS nursing staff as a 'great all-rounder' that can be secured to stretchers for seamless patient transfers.

"Funding such as that received from AHA|SA enables our crews to access the medical equipment to provide the finest care to more than 40,000 patients a year in SA and NT alone. Without this funding we wouldn't be able to replace dated equipment, so a mighty thank you to the AHA|SA". Charlie Paterson, General Manager – Marketing & PR.

\$27,214



Royal Flying Doctor Service
The furthest corner. The finest care.

Palliative Care Council of South Australia

Palliative Care Council South Australia (PCCSA) is a not for profit organisation dedicated to supporting people living with terminal illness and those who care for them. They provide palliative care for all including people with a disability, mental health issues, and for those in rural and remote locations.

PCCSA received Hotel Care funding in January 2013 to assist in the purchase of a vehicle for use for the Aboriginal Palliative Care program. This program involves coordination, cultural education and training, liaison with and between mainstream health providers and the Aboriginal people. The project officers will need to travel vast distances throughout South Australia. High levels of illness, death and grief are experienced amongst Aboriginal communities yet they are lacking in palliative care support. This program will bridge that gap.

\$16,500



Spina Bifida

Many adults with Spina Bifida and/or Hydrocephalus are socially isolated due to restricted mobility and cognitive issues combined with a reliance on limited income, such as the disability pension.

To help address this, SBHA offers various activities and events for members on-site at their Head Office, such as movie nights, art &



craft sessions and group exercise sessions (specifically designed for those in wheelchairs). Hotel Care provided the funding in October 2012 to install electronic doors to their Head Office entrance. Due to limited Government funding the services Spina Bifida provide are largely funded by their own fundraising efforts – but the needs of their members far outweigh available resources. Given that such a high proportion (more than 98%) of their members are in wheelchairs or use a walking aid, the electronic doors will significantly improve their access to the premises and overall enjoyment of visiting Head Office.

\$31,210



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Cora Barclay

AHA|SA and the Crows Foundation have assisted the international award winning Cora Barclay Centre to expand its audiology services.

The 'Little Crows Audiology Clinic' was launched in November 2012 and will help make assessments of babies, children and adults.

The new equipment will allow the centre to run Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) and Otoacoustic Emission (OAE) tests on babies aged two weeks to five years old.

The objective test allow Audiologists to replace a small probe in a baby's ear and by playing a soft sound, the equipment measures an echo that is made by a healthy inner ear.

Early diagnosis of deafness is vital for newborns; appropriate and

consistent early intervention and auditory stimulation before six months of age is the key to speech and language development.

"The AHA|SA is very proud to provide this funding assistance to Cora Barclay on behalf of the South Australian Hotel Industry. Cora Barclay does an amazing job and we are delighted to support the urgently needed upgrade to the audiology department. This upgrade will enable Cora Barclay to provide better services to the patients and families of those with hearing issues. A great thing for South Australia"
 – Peter Hurley, AHA|SA President.

\$31,210



St John Ambulance

St John Ambulance Australia is a self-funding charitable organisation active in all States and Territories, dedicated to helping people in sickness, distress, suffering or danger.

St John Ambulance SA received Hotel Care funding to provide First Response First Aid kits for St John volunteers.

St John has over 2,000 volunteers across the state – they are local people, ready and willing to help out their fellow South Australians in times of need. The \$54,640 donated will go toward equipping St John volunteers with a First Aid Response backpack or kit to be kept in their own homes or vehicles.

As we have seen in other states how disasters can strike unexpectedly, and how people must rely on each other to get through the first critical minutes, hours or days. Fortunately St John volunteers will now have the resources at hand in their every-day life to respond immediately should disaster strike.

It is incredibly reassuring to know that resources have been put into the hands of skilled citizens at a local level and that this deed has the potential to save lives.

\$54,640



The Repat Foundation Inc.

The Repat Foundation received Hotel Care funding to purchase 4 portable heart monitors to replace those that were in urgent need of upgrading. The monitors are used to continuously record heart activity over a 24 hour period during normal daily living, to assist the detection of heart abnormalities. The upgrade of the monitors is one of the top priorities on the Hospitals equipment list. The equipment is a diagnostic tool for the veterans Heart Clinic which serves the general community as well as Veterans.

The Repatriation General Hospital offers a large range of medical service to both veterans and general community patients. Inpatients and outpatients attend the hospital from the metropolitan area, from the country and from remote locations. The Repat Foundation assists the Hospital particularly through supporting medical research and special projects.

\$30,000



Dialysis Escape Line Australia

DELA is a small volunteer run organisation that has been active for 15 years. It receives no government funding.

The patients who attend DELA 'getaways' are mainly in their 70's and 80's - as it is generally people within this age group who are not able to undergo a kidney transplant due to other health concerns and must endure long-term dialysis treatment. Given that the dialysis-dependant population has risen by an average of 8% per year over the past decade, fuelled by the ageing population and Type 2 Diabetes epidemic, DELA has the potential to benefit hundreds of people across Australia in the years to come.

DELA provides 3-4 annual 'getaways' for groups of dialysis patients and partners by setting up temporary dialysis units at holiday resorts including cruise ships to allow patients a holiday without the difficulties that can arise with organising dialysis treatment away from home. This means transporting all equipment necessary for a dialysis unit. Hotel Care funded the purchase of four custom made transit cases.

\$4,690



LEVEDA

Leveda provides accommodation support to over 80 people in a range of community houses in the north and north-east of Adelaide. They also assist over 55 people via respite services and community support packages. Their vision is that every person living with a disability is valued by the community and reaches their full potential, and their mission is to provide high quality services, offering choice, support and flexibility for people living with disabilities.

Leveda received funding in July 2012 to purchase a number of iPads. iPad technology has changed the way people with disabilities communicate. Although touch sensitive augmented communication has existed for some time, it's the price of an iPad that has revolutionised communication.

Charlotte (pictured) has had limited communication for some time. With the iPad she can communicate basic expressions, like, "I'm Happy, I'm Hungry, I don't feel well" and many other phrases we all take for granted.

If an individual can communicate it reduces the stress and frustration of not being understood. Just as importantly it also alleviates the stress and frustration of the loved ones surrounding Charlotte.

Imagine a world where no one understands you. Charlotte used to know this place, but not anymore.

\$3,792



Guide Dogs SA

Guide Dogs SA.NT is a not-for-profit organisation that provides free access to its services to individuals with a sensory loss as well as families of children living with autism. These services include Guide Dogs, Orientation and Mobility training, Acquired Brain Injury Services, Sensory Services and Hearing Services.

Guide Dogs SA.NT applied and successfully received a grant from the Australian Hotels Association (SA) late last year to assist with the relocation of their Vision Services and Guide Dog Services teams. The funding was used for refitting of the office and purchasing furniture to accommodate staff and also provide better onsite facilities for clients.

By co-locating the teams, Guide Dogs SA.NT are now in a position to offer more streamlined and efficient services to clients. The range of services offered by Guide Dogs SA.NT assist clients on a practical level while simultaneously improving their self-confidence and quality of life.

"Guide Dogs SA.NT would like to thank the Australian Hotels Association (SA) for their generous support and kind donation. Through your generous support we will be able to continue our important work." Kate Thiele, Chief Executive Officer, Guide Dogs SA.NT

\$18,814



Guide Dogs
SA.NT your eyes and ears

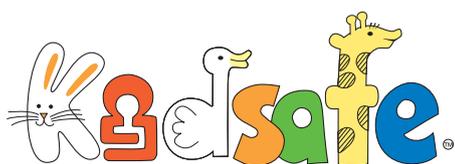
Kidsafe SA Inc.

Kidsafe SA Inc. provides a state-wide education, information and resource centre for parents, carers, health professionals, early childhood workers and the general community on child safety and injury prevention.

Kidsafe SA received Hotel Care funding assistance to re-design and upgrade their website.

Kidsafe SA initially developed its website with the aid of a financial bequest in 2005. The website is outmoded and not user friendly. With more information and resources being developed by Kidsafe SA including information sheets, community service announcements, DVDs, safety alerts etc., the website is the perfect portal for the target audience – parents and carers of young children – to access this information.

\$9,200



Parkinson's SA Inc.

Parkinson's SA is a not for profit organisation with state wide responsibilities to provide information, support and referral to appropriate services for anyone affected by the disease in South Australia.

Parkinson's SA received Hotel Care funding to purchase a car for staff use so their services are more accessible, timely and equitable across the state.

The car will enable the Parkinson's nurses to visit and support families affected by Parkinson's disease in rural areas where it is difficult to obtain Parkinson's specific services. The Parkinson's Support Groups Coordinator, through access to a car, will be able to expand and more effectively monitor the quality of support groups across the state.



\$26,375



Vine Inn Barossa – Nuriootpa, helping the local community

The Vine Inn Barossa was the extremely worthy winner of the Outstanding Community Service & Achievement Award at the 2012 AHA Hotel Awards for Excellence.

This Award recognises hotels that participate in local community life and participates and supports local community groups and activities. The Vine Inn is the epitome of what this award represents.

In the financial year leading up to its win at the AHA awards, the Vine Inn Barossa had donated approximately \$60,000 in cash donations to the Barossa Community. They provide facilities and catering free of charge to over 30 local organisations along with complimentary goods and services.

Whilst donations and sponsorships are central to the Vine Inn's philosophy, and an important part of the survival of virtually every sport club and association in Nuriootpa and the broader Barossa Valley, the Vine Inn is always creative and strives to show their commitment to the community in many other ways.

For example, the funds raised from the Vine Inn Golf Day were donated to the Nuriootpa High School Social Justice Fund. Owing to the generosity of their customers and suppliers, the Vine Inn was able to raise \$4,647 this year, and these funds will go directly to underprivileged children. These are children who come from genuinely disadvantaged families and who come to school without breakfast, who are without the funds to afford resources including books, collateral, warm uniforms in winter, bus fares for excursions and more.

Congratulations to the Vine Inn Barossa for their consistent contribution and support of the local community.



The Booze Brothers Staff Charitable Fund celebrates its 10th birthday

10 years ago at a small presentation, Guide Dogs SA/NT, Royal Society for the Blind, Canteen and Camp Quality were presented with Donations totalling \$4,500 by the then new "Booze Brothers Staff Charitable Fund".

Since then, they have donated over \$400,000 to South Australian Charities.

The Booze Brothers Staff Charitable Fund began in April 2002. It was formed after the serious illness of a member of staff from Booze Brothers Hotels.

Funds were raised initially to assist in his recovery and ongoing support of his education. From this, the staff decided to approach management with a view to have an ongoing commitment to charity.



The Clown Doctors at a presentation. They have been supported on two occasions.

The Foundation is proudly supported by staff from Booze Brothers Bottleshops and Saturno Group Hotels, the Directors and friends of the Foundation.

The aim of the Foundation is to support wherever possible South Australian Charities and Community Groups by way of donations for equipment, sponsorship of particular projects and other needs that may arise in the community.

The funds come mainly from their staff, the generosity of sponsors and Directors, though they also conduct other fundraising events throughout the year.

Congratulations to the Booze Brothers Staff Charitable Fund for its amazing contribution over the last 10 years!

Down Syndrome SA

Since 1974 Down Syndrome SA has been the prime provider of specialist services and programs for people with Down syndrome, or other similar chromosomal disorders, throughout South Australia. Down Syndrome SA receives funding from government to provide services not only for metropolitan Adelaide but for the whole of South Australia.

Down Syndrome SA received Hotel Care funding assistance to replace their old database system which was out dated and unsuitable for current and future needs. Furthermore, there was no technical or training support or user group available locally for the old database.

The new Gestalt database funded by Hotel Care was installed pre-Christmas, and much of the basic training occurred then as well.

\$38,500



Barkuma

Barkuma Community Support is a service of Barkuma Inc, a not for profit organisation that assists people with disabilities to live and work in the community.



Barkuma Community Support's role is to help people with cognitive disabilities to maintain independent, healthy lifestyles and achieve a purposeful and valued role in the community. This support is provided in a range of settings, from the family home to a rental home, private accommodation and in a range of community settings.

In January 2013 Hotel Care provided a grant to upgrade their computer systems to enable them to deliver a better service to their clients and also comply with government regulations.

\$40,018

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