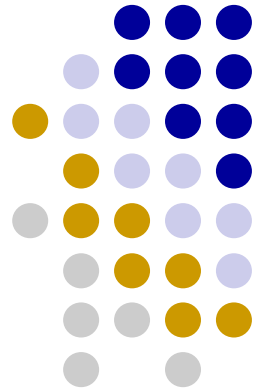




JSTF UPDATE

JUNE 2014



www.jstf.org.au

OUR AIM

The Joseph Seridis Trust Fund has been established to assist young people with physical and multiple disabilities by providing equipment associated with enhancing daily living and independence. The income from the Trust Fund will be distributed to approved applicants. Over the past few years a number of individuals have been assisted with a range of equipment that would not otherwise have been available to them.

We welcome interest and support from anyone who believes they can enhance the ideals of the Trust Fund.

Current Trustees:

**Jim Seridis, Graham Loveday, Gina Torkington,
Jenny Widdop and Marisa Kazonis**

Patron: Tim Shaw

10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 16th AUGUST 2014

at 6.30PM

ENTERTAINMENT:

The Sisters of Invention -

part of the Tutti Ensemble !!!!

Any donations for the auction

are greatly appreciated.

Please contact Jim on 0421 624 177 to discuss.

Further details will be sent to you in the near future.

ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT !!!

Where:

Gawler Arms Hotel

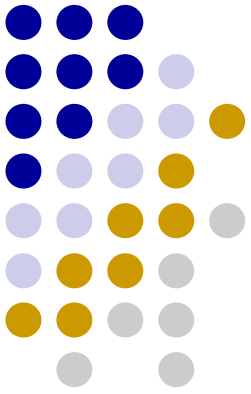
When:

**Saturday November 8th
2014**

Hosted by:

Symes Accountants.

Looking forward to your support.



The Joseph Seridis Trust Fund

Celebrates 10 years of operation in 2014

The Joseph Seridis Trust Fund was established by Joseph's family in 2004 in memory of him and it has become a lasting memorial in his name.

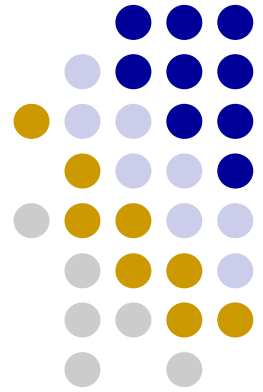
Joseph's family worked in Partnership with Uniting Communities, then UnitingCare Wesley Adelaide, to create the Trust and put in place the complex legal and business arrangements that allowed the Fund to operate. The initial resources provided by the family were invested to maintain the capital value and provide funds to make grants to successful applicants. These funds have been added to over the years by the generosity of supporters, people like yourself. The Trustees are immensely grateful for this support without which the Trust could not meet the needs of applicants.

Over the past 10 years a considerable number of individuals and families have applied for and received grants to meet the cost of a wide range of supports. Initially most applicants sought assistance with equipment like wheelchairs, hoists and therapeutic aids. Whilst this continues to be the case, the variety of requests has varied over time and more recently the number of applicants seeking assistance to purchase computers has risen greatly. Computers offer significant opportunities to enhance communication and independence with consequent improvement in quality of life for individuals and families. It is anticipated that this trend will continue.

Whilst there has been changes to the Trustees, who are responsible for managing the Trust, over the years the key person has been Jim Seridis. Jim's commitment, enthusiasm, hard work and dedication have been pivotal to the operational success of the past 10 years.

Uniting Communities continues to dedicate resources to the Trust through the provision of a nominated Trustee and administrative support. This has been a very successful partnership which will continue to provide opportunities for individuals and families to apply for assistance to purchase much needed equipment.

The Trust will, of course, continue to rely upon your help and support to do this and we look forward to having you join with us to celebrate a magnificent 10 years of operations at the Fundraising Dinner on the 16th August 2014.



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TEN YEARS OF GREAT WORK

We have had a look at the historical record of grants that have been provided over the past ten years within the Trust Fund. We have provided grants in excess of \$72,000 for a whole range of aids including, but not limited to, computers; ramps; hoists; treadmills; recliners; orthoses and wheelchairs.

Added to this is the donation of \$10,000 to support the change over and operating costs for "Joseph's Ferrari", the wheelchair accessible vehicle that was purchased by the trust in 2003 in memory of Joseph.

We look forward to adding to this figure and will be working proactively to increase the awareness of the Trust Fund within the disability and broader community.

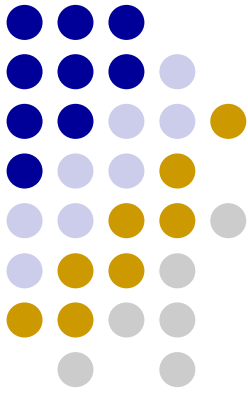
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A BIG THANKYOU !!!

The Annual Fundraising Dinner and the Quiz Night raised substantial funds for the Trust in 2013.

Jim was proud to report that the Auction and Dinner at the Gawler Arms raised in excess of \$15,000 and the Quiz Night held by Symes Accountants raised in excess of \$2000.

This could not have been achieved without your much valued support and the Trustees and the future recipients thank you.



Testimonial.....

A recent recipient of a grant through the Trust was Hayden Osborne. Hayden requested a grant for the purchase of a computer to help him to reach the outside world as he spends a lot of time at home.

Mum said some kind words.....

“ To the wonderful people at the Trust Fund,
I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the funding my son, Hayden, has received recently. Without this he would not be able to have a smooth

transition into his newly found day options centre, COMREC at Modbury.

Transitions are highly important for integrating him smoothly into a new environment and this was the only option we had. Without this funding he would have struggled.

So again, I would like to thank you so very much for helping me, my son and my family at this difficult period in time. Now he can be happy and that is all I truly wish for my son.

Kindest Regards,
Tanya and Hayden Osborne.



Launch Day 2003



Presentation from Gawler Lifestyles Explorers group

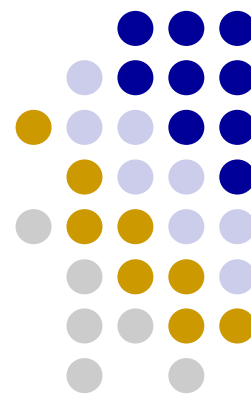
The Gawler Group in 2003



Joel with the van donated by JSTF



A New and Exciting JSTF Initiative!



The Joseph Seridis Trust Fund (JSTF) is celebrating its tenth year of operations in 2014 and to recognize this significant milestone the Trust is pleased to announce a new initiative. The Family Holiday project is aimed to complement the primary focus of the Trust by providing one off grants to families who support a person with a severe disability to live at home.

The project will be run as a trial in 2014 through the provision of a limited number of grants which will support the cost of a holiday break for the person with disability and their family.

The Trust will make available \$10,000 in 2014 which will provide for five grants of \$2,000 for the purchase of suitable holiday accommodation. The person with disability must meet the eligibility criteria for the Trust. That is be a person with a significant disability between the age of 16 and 30 years.

Families will need to make an application to the Trust using the Holiday Accommodation form that can be found on the JSTF web site, www.jstf.org.au.

Applications will be accepted up to 31st October 2014. Successful applicants will be notified and the Trust will arrange for payment of the chosen accommodation up to an amount of \$2,000. The Family will be responsible for all other costs associated with the holiday. The first five eligible applicants will be supported and the opportunity will then be closed off.

Successful applicants will be required to participate in a satisfaction survey that will be conducted by the Trust following the completion of the holiday. This is aimed at helping the Trust to learn from the experience of grantees and inform decision making regarding opportunities to repeat the process in future years.

This is a very exciting project and the Trustees look forward to receiving applications from eligible families.

**For further details please contact Jenny Widdop on 8202 5067
or email JennyWiddop@unitingcommunities.org.**

Our New Trustee ...

We wish to welcome Marisa Kazonis as a new Trustee. Marisa is well known to the Seridis family and has been a great supporter to the Trust for many years. She was privileged to know and teach Joseph as Marisa has over 20 years experience as a teacher in schools for children with additional needs across Adelaide. We were lucky to have Marisa work within Uniting Communities for a number of years in our Take Five program and value her commitment and passion for all those in the disability community and their families in Adelaide