



# JSTF UPDATE

## JUNE 2012

### 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, Gina Torkington, Gay Cleary and Graham Loveday**

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW TRUSTEE

I was very pleased to be asked to join the Joseph Seridis Trust Fund in August last year to represent Uniting Communities (known then as UnitingCare Wesley Adelaide). Graham Loveday had decided to take some well deserved long service leave and I was to replace him. Big shoes to fill!

I can happily report that Graham is back from his break and has resumed his role as Trustee. I am still here too, so we are a little team of four now, instead of three.

I had the pleasure of meeting Joseph many years ago when I was visiting the Day Options program in Gawler. Joseph was outside the building with his Mum and just about to leave as I turned up. I was struck by the care being shown this young man and also by his happy disposition. It was a nice encounter.

Today I still work for Uniting Communities after 13 years. I am currently Team Manager of the Homelink and Homelink for Children program. My work involves assisting five dedicated coordinators to find and assess people who want to welcome someone to stay with them in their home. We match these carers to children and adults with a disability who also need a home or a break, and we provide ongoing support to those arrangements.

I live in the North Eastern suburbs with my husband and we have four young adult children who come and go and come back again...

I look forward to an opportunity to meet many of you, who provide ongoing support to this very worthwhile little trust, at the events planned for later in the year.

Regards, Gabrielle Cleary



**Unitingcare Wesley Adelaide has changed its name to Uniting Communities**

**Uniting Communities has been a supporter and partner for the JSTF since its inception and will continue this partnership under the new name.**

**The new name was chosen because it reflects the organizations new vision for South Australia: to help restore stronger, healthier and more resilient communities. The name tells the story of our work with individuals and our growing focus on community work.**

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS**

Grants totalling that \$7310 have been distributed since the last update thanks to the generosity of the Trust's supporters.

The Trust has also provided a 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. The vehicle has been a huge benefit to people with disability over almost seven years but now needed to be replaced. The new vehicle will continue to recognise the association with the Trust through signage on the vehicle.

#### **DIARY DATES**

**8th ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER  
GAWLER ARMS HOTEL  
SATURDAY 11th AUGUST 2012 AT 6.30PM**

**The Trust is also holding a Quiz Night in conjunction with  
Symes Accountants at the Gawler Arms Hotel  
on 27th October 2012 commencing at 7.30pm.**

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