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The Power of One – Newman’s Own Foundation 2017 charity program

Newman’s Own Foundation, the independent foundation created by the late actor and humanitarian Paul Newman, is giving over \$1million USD in grants for Australian charities in 2017.

The 2017 grants are divided into four categories

- \$600,000 USD to charities nominated by six inspirational Australian women. These women have each demonstrated a commitment to empowering others through their career/life achievements and involvement with charitable causes. *
- \$200,000 USD to the Feed Melbourne program which helps individuals and families struggling with food insecurity.
- \$125,000 USD to the children’s hospice Bear Cottage in NSW to fund the cost of a chef and upgrade kitchen equipment.
- \$110,00 USD to the Foundation’s community partners program for projects involving nutrition and empowerment.

Newman’s Own Foundation CEO and President, Robert Forrester said the six women were selected in honour of Paul Newman’s belief that every individual has the power to make a difference.

“Paul was always being applauded for his charitable giving, but he never felt he was doing anything special,” said Forrester. “He maintained the real thanks goes to those people who work every day to make the world a better place such as these inspirational women whose charitable endeavours are being acknowledged this year.”

“Paul felt privileged to be just one among many, something we all feel as we carry on his unique and wonderful philanthropic legacy.”

Newman’s Own is celebrating a 35-year milestone of giving in the US this year, with the Foundation’s worldwide charitable donations now exceeding \$500 USD million.

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Newman’s Own Foundation (www.newmansownfoundation.org)

Paul Newman was committed to helping make the world a better place. To carry on his philanthropic legacy, Newman’s Own Foundation donates to charity all net royalties and profits it receives from the sale of Newman’s Own products. To date, Paul Newman and Newman’s Own Foundation have given over \$500 USD million to thousands of charities around the world.

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*Power of one charity program

Noni Hazlehurst AM – An award-winning actress and presenter, Noni has been widely acknowledged for her commitment to children through major charity initiatives and welfare organisations as well as her involvement with children’s television.

Nominated Charity – Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation

Anna Meares OAM - Cycling legend and Olympic Flag Bearer, Anna has been a strong contributor to her community as well as serving as ambassador for several charities throughout her extraordinary cycling career. Her most recent focus has been her support of Muscular Dystrophy research following the diagnosis of her coach with the condition.

Nominated Charity – Fight MND

Rachel Perkins – Rachel is a woman of the Arrernte and Kalkadoon nations, and is at the forefront of the Australian filmmaking industry. Her continuing body of work as a screenwriter, producer, director, board member and festival director embodies her passion and skill in bringing Australian Indigenous stories to the screen. Rachel is passionate about supporting programs that highlight and help continue the traditions of Aboriginal culture.

Nominated Charity- Arrernte Language Centre and Strelow Research Centre

Jenni Eyles - Jenni writes a blog called Styling Curvy that provides honest advice for personal styling, body confidence, wellness and lifestyle tips. Jenni is a breast cancer thriver and has been a champion for local charities and an advocate for cancer patients in the South Australia region and nationally.

Nominated Charity – Hospital Research Foundation Incorporated

Deborra-lee Furness – the Internationally acclaimed actress is a passionate supporter of children and defender of their human rights across the globe, Deborra-lee’s humanitarian work for children is a driving force in her life. It is her passion that children all over the world be given every chance to live a fulfilled life and achieve their full potential.

Nominated Charity – Adopt Change

Marita Cheng – the 2012 Young Australian of the Year is a technology entrepreneur who advocates for school aged girls to consider engineering as a career option. She is currently working on robotic technology that assists hospitalised children with cancer with their schooling, help adults with a disability to attend work, and monitor and socialise the elderly.

Nominated Charity - Canteen