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Newman's Own Foundation announces \$1million in empowerment grants

The inspirational work of 23 Australians has been recognised by Newman's Own Foundation, which announced charitable grants totalling \$1million today.

Registered charities were invited to nominate individuals from within their organisations whose work has empowered others to overcome extraordinary adverse circumstances, and/or provide equal access to human rights and contribute to the development of a civil society.

The Foundation's Australian advisor Dimity Pinto said the nominations were open to anyone who had demonstrated the effort to go that extra distance to help others transform their lives.

"Narrowing down the applications to the final 23 nominees and their projects was extremely challenging," said Pinto. "We were overwhelmed by the heartfelt and inspirational stories from charitable organisations around Australia with the nominees ranging from founders of charities, to case workers and even part time volunteers."

President and CEO of Newman's Own Foundation, Robert Forrester said all of the charity nominees follow in the footsteps of Paul Newman as evidenced through their determination to make a difference to the underserved and/or disadvantaged in our communities.

"Paul Newman believed we all have the opportunity to improve the lives of others and this year we are seeking individuals from within charitable organisations who have demonstrated a ongoing commitment to empowering those less fortunate," said Forrester.

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** About Newman's Own Foundation*

Paul Newman was committed to helping make the world a better place. To carry on his philanthropic legacy, Newman's Own Foundation turns all net profits and royalties from the sale of Paul Newman's Own and Newman's Own products into charitable donations. To date, Paul Newman and Newman's Own Foundation have given nearly \$450 million (USD) to thousands of charities around the world including USD\$20 million for Australian charities. For more information, visit www.newmansownfoundation.org or www.paulnewmansown.com.au

2015 Grant Recipients

The Kids' Cancer Project
Spinal Cord Injuries Australia
Ganbina
GI Cancer Institute
Odyssey House Victoria
St Vincent De Paul Society QLD - Toowoomba Diocese
Books In Homes
EdConnect Australia
Defence Care (RSL NSW Welfare and Benevolent Institution)
Lighthouse Foundation
Reading Out of Poverty
SisterWorks
Starlight Children's Foundation (WA)
The Northcott Society
Fighting Chance Australia
Disability Recreation & Sports SA
Down Syndrome Association of Victoria
The Shepherd Centre
Bundaberg PCYC
National Heart Foundation of Australia QLD Division
Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation
Centre for Appropriate Technology
Smart Pups Assistance Dogs for Special Needs Children