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Newman's Own Foundation to support children's charities in 2016

Australian charities with projects that enhance the quality of life for children with lifelimiting medical conditions are invited to apply for funding by Newman's Own Foundation, the foundation established by Hollywood legend and philanthropist, the late Paul Newman.

Newman's Own Foundation's CEO and President Robert Forrester kicked off the 2016 grants program with two special \$130,000 grants each. One grant is for Children's First Foundation's Miracle Miles program which brings overseas children to Australia for urgent medical treatment. Another is for Queensland's first ever children's hospice, Hummingbird House. Hummingbird House will use the funds to employ a chef and provide nutritious meals for the children attending the hospice and their families.

In announcing this year's charity campaign, Newman's Own Foundation is encouraging charities from around Australia with a project that focuses on children to apply for a grant up to \$50,000.

Consideration will be given to projects that enhance the quality of life for children with lifelimiting medical conditions and/or for whom the experience of childhood has been disrupted by circumstances beyond their control. These projects can range from the purchase of specific equipment, recreational activities, and family support programs to educational initiatives.

Mr Forrester said that Paul Newman was always deeply committed to improving the lives of disadvantaged children.

"Paul Newman believed we all have the opportunity to improve the lives of others and he wanted to make a difference, especially for children with life-limiting conditions around the globe," said Mr Forrester.

"The Foundation is delighted to be able to continue Paul's philanthropic legacy by providing support to enhance the lives of children who are challenged by illness and/or disadvantage."

The Newman's Own Foundation will be giving over \$1.3million to Australian charitable causes in 2016 through a range of giving programs.

Applications for funding will be open from 14 April – 13 May with Expression of Interest details available on <u>www.paulnewmansown.com.au</u>

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* About Newman's Own Foundation

Newman's Own Foundation was established by Paul Newman to continue his philanthropic legacy to use the profits and royalties from the sale of Newman's Own products to make our world a better place by supporting charitable causes. Since 1982, Paul Newman and Newman's Own Foundation have donated more than \$460 million (USD) to thousands of charitable organizations around the world, *including \$22 million for Australian charities. For more information, visit <u>www.newmansownfoundation.org</u>*

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