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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **OneFortyOne Major Grants Awarded**

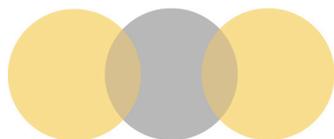
Stand Like Stone is pleased to announce the recipients of grants from the 2016 OneFortyOne Community Capacity Building Grants. The OneFortyOne Community Capacity Building Grants have delivered a further \$20,000 into the community, with the following projects receiving support in 2016:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Name of project</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
Migrant Resource Centre of SA Inc	Craft Enterprise Program for Migrant Women	\$8,000.00
Naracoorte High School (Naracoorte Independent Learning Centre)	Project Abroad HHHH with the ILC	\$12,000.00

The Limestone Coast Migrant Resource Centre has been granted \$8,000 to create a craft enterprise program for migrant women. The aim of the project is to give women from African and Burmese background the opportunity to learn how to produce items for the Australian market. The enterprise will assist them to source materials, price items and forge links with networks where the items produced can then be displayed and sold. The project will also teach small business management skills and provide an opportunity to improve the conversational English skills of participants. It will assist migrant women to build their self-confidence and provide the tools and skills to enable a smoother integration in to life in our region.

The Naracoorte Independent Learning Centre has been granted \$12,000 for "Project Abroad." This is the second time that the OneFortyOne Community Capacity Building Grants have supported this project, with \$10,000 being provided in 2014. This year, twelve students aged between 15 and 74 from the Naracoorte Independent Learning Centre and Naracoorte High School will take part in Project Abroad, which assists students to achieve life-skills, whilst completing SACE credits and culminates in a trip to Cambodia for the participants. The long-term aim of the project is to build leadership capacity and a self-sustainable mentoring group focusing on the wellbeing of youth in the Naracoorte area. Outcomes will include personal growth of participants, including the heightened development of a sense of community spirit and responsibility. This year the project has been expanded to include students from the Naracoorte High School who will utilise this experience as the residential journey of the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The OneFortyOne Community Capacity Building grant round is made possible through a funding partnership between the Stand Like Stone Foundation and OneFortyOne Plantations. Since the partnership began in 2014, it has provided funding of \$60,000, which has been granted to charitable projects that build capacity within Limestone Coast communities. OneFortyOne Plantations have recently committed to a further 3 years of funding for the Community Capacity Building Grants Program, which will see a further \$60,000 injected into the local community over the next three years. "It is incredibly gratifying to have outstanding corporate citizens in this region. The partnership with



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OneFortyOne enables funding for projects that grow capacity within our region and is making a real and significant impact on the community,” said Bill DeGaris, Chairman of Stand Like Stone Foundation. “It is particularly encouraging to see this grant round providing seed funding for a social enterprise for migrant women. We look forward to seeing this enterprise grow into a sustainable business enterprise with far-reaching community benefits,” said Mr DeGaris.

“At OneFortyOne we are committed to having a positive impact on the communities we operate in and we’re grateful for the opportunity to contribute to these worthy causes. We were impressed with the quality of the grant applications received this year and are looking forward to continuing our partnership with Stand like Stone,” said Willie Van Niekerk, General Manager Green Triangle, OneFortyOne Plantations.

With funds received through a recent bequest and the winding up of SERDE inc, the Stand Like Stone corpus now stands at around \$3 million. The income earned from this corpus is distributed back to the Limestone Coast community via grants and scholarships. Since its inception, Stand Like Stone has distributed over \$825,000 to the communities of the Limestone Coast through the many programs on offer. As Stand Like Stone never spends the donations it receives, the amounts available to grant to the community will continue to grow as the amount of donations held in the trust funds grow.

In August 2016 Stand Like Stone will invite applications for its Small Grants Program, offering grants of up to \$2000 for charitable projects. Application forms and guidelines can be obtained from [www.standlikestone.com.au](http://www.standlikestone.com.au).

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