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Charitable Projects receive Grants

Stand Like Stone is pleased to announce the recipients of grants from its 18th small grant round and the 2015 OneFortyOne Community Capacity Building Grants.

Grant Round 18 has delivered funding to four charitable projects which share in just under \$7,000, bringing the total amount of grants given to charitable projects through the Stand Like Stone "Small Grants" program to just over \$114,000.

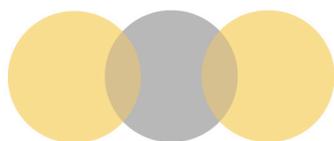
The following projects have received support:

| Organisation | Project | Grant | Sub Fund |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Mount Gambier North R-7 School | New Arrivals String Program | 2000 | Focis on Youth |
| Australian Breast Feeding Association (SA/NT) | SA/NT Conference 2015 'Conquering Mountains' Overcoming Breast Feeding Challenges | 1440 | |
| Acacia Kindergarten | Acacia Kindergarten Sensory Needs | 2000 | Agrilinks & Focis on Youth |
| Miracle Babies Foundation | Mount Gambier Nurture Group | 1500 | |
| | TOTAL GRANTED | \$6,940 | |

The OneFortyOne Community Capacity Building Grants have delivered a further \$20,000 into the community, with the following projects receiving support in 2015:

The Mount Gambier Children's Centre for Early Childhood & Development for the Mt Gambier AEDC Action Group will receive \$10,000 for their project titled Play, Engage, Connecting Families. This project will see the design, build and set up of a trailer that holds natural and recycled material for creative play use by families in parks and public spaces around Mount Gambier. The trailer will be manned by volunteers and will promote a shift away from entertaining our children to engaging with them and their families, away from commercial, pre-purposed and pre-fabricated toys and playgrounds to natural environments and activities. The facilitated mobile play trailer in use in outdoor spaces will assist in building the confidence of families to regularly access these spaces and to learn to play and interact in the environment available to them.

The Mount Gambier Independent Learning Centre received its second installment of \$10,000 for the Mount Schank Hall Development Project. The project began in 2014 and involves the renovation of the Mount Schank Hall into a family home. It allows for a real life learning experience for students at the Independent Learning Centre, as they progress towards achieving their SACE. The project builds community capacity through growing the students' skills via instruction in trades, literacy, numeracy, as well as cultural, physical and mental development. The project grows the community of Mt Schank, resulting in an additional family home and introduction of people into the community. Monies received from the sale of the completed hall will then be channelled into further projects to benefit students at the Mount Gambier Independent Learning Centre.



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The OneFortyOne Community Capacity Building grant round is made possible through a funding partnership between the Stand Like Stone Foundation and OneFortyOne Plantations. In its second year, the partnership provides funding of \$20,000 for a three-year period, to be granted to charitable projects that build capacity within Limestone Coast communities. “This unique partnership enables funding for projects which grow capacity within our region. OneFortyOne Plantations are making a difference and supporting the sustainability of Limestone Coast through community owned projects which build for the future,” says Bill DeGaris, Chairman of Stand Like Stone Foundation.

Over the past 11 years, Stand Like Stone has grown its corpus to over \$1,120,000. 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 \$700,000 back 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 2015 Stand Like Stone will invite applications for its nineteenth round of grants. Community organisations in the Limestone Coast will be eligible to apply for grants for charitable projects. For more information on the Stand Like Stone Foundation contact Executive Officer, Georgie McKay on (08) 87210480, or visit www.standlikestone.com.au

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