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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **New Educational Scholarship for Mount Gambier and district**

The Stand Like Stone Foundation has been pleased to work with the de Nys family to establish *"The de Nys Family Memorial Scholarship"*, funds for which have been invested in the Foundation's Educational Scholarship Fund.

*"The idea of an Educational Scholarship in memory of my parents was first mooted at a family reunion held in Mount Gambier three years ago. The Reunion was held to commemorate the arrival of my parents and their 8 children in Australia from the Netherlands 50 years ago. The function was attended by nearly 70 descendants and in-laws ... a really special occasion"* family member donor Gerrit de Nys said.

The scholarship, named *"The de Nys Family Memorial Scholarship"* has been established with seed capital of \$50,000 as part of the Educational Scholarship Fund within the Stand Like Stone Foundation.

The prime objective of the scholarship is to generate a return on investment which will be used to provide scholarships for students from low income or disadvantaged families identifying with the greater Mount Gambier area. To allow the donation to earn some interest it is anticipated that the first scholarships will be given early in 2010.

*"The de Nys Family Memorial Scholarship has been established in honor of my parents, the patriarch and matriarch of the family, Gerrit and Jansje, in recognition of their foresight, self sacrificing and determined decision to emigrate to Australia for the long term benefit of their children and descendants"*, Gerrit said.

The intention is to generate further donations from the extended de Nys family, however small (or large) to add to the seed capital. An Advisory Committee comprising family members will be established to recommend preferred recipients to the Foundation and to plan and action fundraising activities. Hopefully all family members will embrace this very worthwhile cause and particularly remember the prime reason for doing so.

*"We are honored that the de Nys family chose to use the Stand Like Stone Foundation to provide scholarships for students in and around Mount Gambier and to create a memorial for their parents in perpetuity. Thank you"*, Stand Like Stone Foundation, Chairman, Sue Charlton said.

Other people, businesses or organisations are invited to donate to the Educational Scholarship Fund. Donations are tax deductible. More information and a donation form is available at [www.standlikestone.com.au](http://www.standlikestone.com.au)

For more information on the Foundation or to arrange a representative to speak to your community group contact Sally Klose on 8724 7628.



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