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teaming up to help aussie kids

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**THE SHANE WARNE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES
LATEST BENEFICIARIES**

The Shane Warne Foundation distributes money every year, and today we are very happy to announce that this year we will give close to \$800,000. 36 different children's charities will benefit and share that money in 2009. The Foundation has raised over \$3 million since its inception. The money raised is then distributed to charities which help seriously ill and underprivileged children in Australia. In total the Foundation has helped over 75 different children's charities so far, ranging from horses, machines, clowns, music, physical education and other areas that make a huge difference. We at the foundation are very proud of our achievement and would like to thank the media, the public, and everyone who has got behind us and supported our cause. We look forward to your continuing support.

Examples of the most recent funding the Kate Buntine Children's Trust to purchase four insulin pumps for children with diabetes, to the Lighthouse Foundation for maintenance of accommodation provided to young homeless people, and Dingley Village Community Advice Bureau for the purchase of breakfast food items for 100 families.

Shane Warne, Chairman of The Shane Warne Foundation, thanked those who made the grants possible.

"Australians have a great history of helping those less fortunate, particularly when it comes to children," Warne said.

"We aim to raise funds to enrich the lives of seriously ill and underprivileged children in Australia.

"In what has been a tough year for everyone... the public have been outstanding in supporting TSWF and helping us make a huge contribution. The Shane Warne Foundation, would really like to say a big thank you to everyone from the bottom of our hearts. Your generosity and the way you have got behind us and our cause, has helped us make a huge difference to lots of children's lives".

The Foundation has also responded in the wake of the devastating Victorian bushfires by teaming up with Variety Australia to create the *Variety and TSWF Bushfire Relief Fund* to raise funds for children affected by these fires.

The fund has been kicked off with a \$100,000 donation from The Shane Warne Foundation.

Over the coming months, Variety and The Shane Warne Foundation will continue to help “hands on” and lift the spirits of the many children and families that have been affected by the bushfires. Our board members and friends of the board have visited Whittlesea and King Lake and were emotionally moved by the bravery of the people affected and are touched by the generosity of the Australian public.

Already this has seen Variety Ambassadors such as Kelly Landry, Daryl Cotton, John Michael Howsen and Wendy Stapleton form part of a fleet of 12 “Variety Bash” cars delivering 300 bikes to children nominated by local community groups and schools from bushfire affected areas.

Schools through Kilmore, Whittlesea and Kinglake have been visited to date, with the team spreading some much-needed joy and smiles to children’s faces.

Anyone who is aware of children who have lost their specialised mobility, communication or other equipment as a result of the fires are encouraged to register these details immediately on the Variety and TSWF website at www.varietylvic.org.au and www.tswf.com.au

About TSWF

Shane Warne receives countless requests from charities every year. Each year, despite his personal and professional commitments, he manages to make time to respond to many of these. This interaction has helped Shane realise the type of organisations he shares the greatest affinity with - those that help bring some quality and happiness into the lives of seriously ill and underprivileged children.

The Shane Warne Foundation consists of our Chairman – Shane Warne, Board Members – Ann Peacock, Garry Lyon, Glenn Robbins and Andrew Bassat, our Ambassadors – James Packer, Lloyd Williams, David Coe and Lee Amaitis, with our International Patron Russell Crowe and Australian Patron Joe Hachem.

These people share Shane’s passion in helping enrich the lives of seriously ill and underprivileged children and have contributed their time, effort and expertise, over the last 5 years. Everyone at the foundation feels very proud of the TSWF achievements.

SEE ATTACHED PAGE FOR FULL LIST OF 2009 BENEFICIARIES:

www.tswf.com.au

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For further information please contact Tina Tripp – General Manager, The Shane Warne Foundation on 9595 3801.

FULL LIST OF DETAILS OF 2009 BENEFICIARIES

Alannah & Madeline Foundation	\$29,160
Assistance Dogs Australia Limited	\$20,000
Australian Childhood Foundation	\$48,000
Blackwood Special School Outdoor Education Centre	\$11,947
Brainwave	\$26,840
Breakaway	\$32,580
Camp Quality	\$20,730
Central Coast Kids in Need Inc	\$20,000
Cerebral Palsy League Qld	\$9,275
Concern Australia	\$22,500
Dingley Village Community Advice Bureau Inc	\$10,000
FRANS (Family Resource & Network Support)	\$5,000
Heartwell Foundation	\$50,000
Humour Foundation, The	\$54,600
Kate Buntine Children's Trust	\$28,000
Kids Camp Inc	\$12,000
Kildonan Uniting Care	\$5,000
Learning Links	\$9,591
Lighthouse Foundation	\$41,000
Little Souls Taking Big Steps	\$20,000
Make-A-Wish Foundation	\$20,000
Marrickville PCYC	\$15,000
Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy	\$9,110
Northern Area Community and Youth Services, The (NACyS)	\$2,303
Riding for the Disabled Association (Illawarra)	\$6,000
Scope Victoria	\$6,000
Taralye	\$9,962
Technical Aid to the Disabled	\$3,500
Windermere CFTS	\$20,740
Children's Charity Network	\$20,000

Operation Stitches	\$11,495
Queen Elizabeth Centre	\$35,000
Righteous Pups Australia	\$25,200
Western Chances	\$25,000
Variety and TSWF Bushfire Relief Fund	\$100,000
NCF	
Lesley Sparks	\$7,000
TOTAL	\$792,533.00