

— Community Launches "Community"

Local community organisation, Community Qld has launched a new giving program that aims to raise funds to support the charity's front line work in areas such as food security, refugee support, homelessness, family support, and other emerging and unmet needs in the community.

Community is inviting community members to support their work with a financial commitment to their new Community Champions Program. Donations are invited from individuals (\$500) or businesses (\$1000). Already a number of local people and businesses have signed up to make a difference in our community. The founding members of Community's Champions program are hoping to inspire 100 people to support this local giving initiative.

The Community Champions program is modelled on New Farm

Neighbourhood's successful Patrons of New Farm program that has 50 local members who support the needs of their community. This group raises much needed funds and also serves a strong networking forum for like-minded people to come together to make a difference.

Community Champions understand philanthropy and community giving to be integral to a socially responsible community. Champions are committed to seeing the results of their giving in a community that supports its most vulnerable and with an organisation that ensures each donation makes a significant difference to someone's life.

Local Midas owner and one of Community's first Champions, Ben Neighbour said:

"I feel very fortunate to be able to give back to my local community. I believe that it's

something that everyone who can, should do."

"In this current economic climate it's important that we are not completely reliant on government funding. It is also imperative that we have the capacity through philanthropic donations to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable in our community. Last year the Patrons of New Farm were able to provide direct support to people who were homeless. This money literally meant that we were able to put a roof over someone's head." said Community CEO, Karen Dare.

Another Community's first Champions is Carmen Briggs owner and Principal at Harcourts Inner West.

Carmen, together with her Husband Mark and their daughter Bianca, has lived within the local area for the past 25 years and has always keenly involved herself in the local community. Carmen has been an industry leader specializing in residential real estate for the past 10 years, and is the Business Owner and Principal at Harcourts Inner West. The team at Harcourts

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George's Barber Shop

2nd Big Year

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OPEN
Monday to Friday -
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Saturday -
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Beverly Chilcott
"Thank my valued customers for their support over the last year" - Beverly

Pensioners	\$18
Adults & Seniors	\$20
High School	\$20
Primary School	\$18
Ladies	from \$25

10 Stewart Road Ashgrove
(On the corner of Ajax Lane)
3366 7435



Community's Champion, Midas owner Ben Neighbour

Champions" Philanthropic Program —

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Inner West have spent over a decade providing financial support to local initiatives, community groups and schools and are widely recognised for their continuing commitment to the local members of our community. Nevertheless, Carmen felt she could do more.

So enthused about the implementation of community based projects and promoting the welfare of others, Carmen saw an opportunity to become a Community Champion and became the first foundation member. The Champion project is currently working hard to build a team of people who share the passion for helping other members of our local community, and play an active role in the development of community based projects.

Philanthropy is one tool we use to make this world a bit more hospitable and

enhance quality of life – which has a great effect on all of us. Helping others also helps us, either through the improvement of the community, or the satisfaction of having contributed to a greater good. Carmen actively encourages everyone to get involved, experience the enjoyment that philanthropy can bring, and share her overwhelming desire to promote the welfare of others.

Community is extending an invitation to attend a networking cocktail function at Clovelly Estate Cellar Door, Red Hill on Thursday 17 March 6.30-8.30pm. Tickets are \$45 per person and are available through Eventbrite <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/communitfy-champions-an-evening-at-clovelly-estate-tickets-21249569033>.

More information about the Champions program is available at www.communify.org.au



Community Champion, Harcourts Inner West owner Carmen Briggs



Together
we can.

Community is your neighbourhood centre.

We offer a range of programs that can help you to live independently and activities for you to join that will keep you connected, fit and involved in our community.

Our Services:

- Aged Services
- Childcare
- Community Development
- Community Education
- Domestic Support
- Door to Door Transport
- Family & Individual Support
- HART4000 – Homelessness Services
- Home Assist Secure (Inner West)
- Meals on Wheels
- Mental Health Services
- New Farm Neighbourhood Centre
- No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS)
- Partners in Recovery
- Personal Helpers and Mentors (PHaMs)
- The Exchange at Kelvin Grove
- The Paddington Centre – Respite Services
- The Pantry
- Venues for Hire
- Volunteers

So come, connect with us;
Join an activity; Ask how we can help;
Volunteer or Donate to support our work
because together we can.

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