

# TIME KIDS

## From the desk of the Chief Executive

Welcome one and all to our final newsletter for 2015. The year has flown and it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas here in Time for Kids Land.

Our enormous thanks to the many, many organisations and individuals who have given us their support over the year. As always, the generosity of our supporters has overwhelmed us. We say it often but that's only because it's true – we really couldn't do it without you.

Now we're heading into one of our favourite times of year – Christmas. Each year, many of you donate gifts for us to give away to our gorgeous kids. In many cases the gift they receive through Time for Kids is the thing that helps to make Christmas bright for our children. Our Christmas gifting days are the most important and heart-warming days in our calendar. If you'd like to be part of our Christmas gifting program this year – as a donor or a volunteer – then read on and give us a call.

We hope you've enjoyed hearing from us throughout the year. I know we've loved the opportunity to bring you our news and share in the joys and highlights of the work we do to create bright futures for our kids.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season and look forward to seeing you again in 2016.

- Jennifer Duncan  
Chief Executive

## You Can Q Can Too!



The November Q Can Crew was one of the busiest yet. Not only did we have a mountain of bottles and cans to sort, but the amazing turn-out meant that the whole job was done in little over an hour. If you haven't gone yet - you should! Now more than ever we need a steady crew of volunteers who are willing to help out one day out of every month (or three months). Many hands really do make light work, and that feel-good feeling of knowing you are making a difference is much better when shared with friends. Like the [Q Can Crew](#) on facebook to get involved.

## Make yours a Time for Kids Christmas

The Time for Kids Christmas drive is officially underway - but we still need your help. There are different ways you can choose to participate; you can arrange a gift collection, make a financial donation, or get a few friends or colleagues together to volunteer to wrap presents for half a day. For those busy folk who can't get out to shop, our new online shop will be live by December 1st - save the date to visit via our [Christmas page](#). Every little bit counts!

Phone or email us today at [info@timeforkids.com.au](mailto:info@timeforkids.com.au) for information on this year's program. Alternatively, sign up to our [Christmas mailing list](#) to keep updated.

## Right Place at the Right Time

We recently had the opportunity to assist a very special, motivated young man to achieve a once in a lifetime learning opportunity through Oxbridge Academic Programs. This outstanding and community minded student had already won a 50% scholarship, but would've been unable to follow through because of his family's low income. But, thanks to Time for Kids supporters and the Adelaide Benevolent Society he was lucky enough to attend and study economics and terrorism in Scotland. Highly active within his local community and already having donated several hours in volunteer work at his young age, we could not think of anybody more deserving!

We'll leave you with this excerpt, which we feel really sums up how valuable this experience was to him - *"What I have now is a greater understanding of my place in the world. I know I can go into a Parliamentary debate on community issues relating to minimum incomes and I am also able to have meaningful interactions with people from different countries who have very different life experiences to me."*



## New Initiatives and Updates

Do you remember the CMV Foundation, who generously awarded us a grant so that we could transform our office spaces into a child friendly haven? Just look at what we were able to create - our very own Festival Garden foyer!

In other news, last week we had the privilege of meeting the Honourable John Rau MP, who took the time to visit 275 Main North Road to learn about Time for Kids and our lovely housemates, Act for Kids.

## Sponsors

We proudly acknowledge the following sample of our recent donors:

- Community Benefit SA
- Raising Literacy Australia
- Susy Daw and MQM Business Consulting

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