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COMMUNITY UNDERWRITING 2025 GRANTS PROGRAM RECIPIENTS

Community Underwriting is pleased to announce the completion of its Small Grants Program for 2025.

Under our unique business model, Community Underwriting allocates 5% of our annual surplus to clients that have renewed their insurances with us. Our insurer partners Berkley Insurance Australia and Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Company provide additional contributions which enables us to respond to a greater number of worthy projects each year.

In our 12th year of the Grants Program we are proud to have assisted 75 terrific projects across the sector (up from 70 in 2024). The 2025 grants program has made contributions to projects addressing a diverse range of wonderful initiatives including:

- Every Home Global Concern – The Youth Summit project will build an inclusive playground for children with disabilities in Zambia.
- Providing funding to Salt Care Kids to purchase Christmas gifts for families unable to afford presents, allowing parents and carers to experience the dignity and joy of giving to their own children at this time of year.
- Koala Kids will provide special moments to children and young people undergoing cancer treatment, by providing smash cakes with wooden mallet to celebrate with family.
- SLSC Northern Beaches will train a team member to become an accredited Mental Health First Aid Officer to assist the organisation and the greater local community.
- Installation of security cameras on location at the Mildura Health Centre, to improve safety measures for the accommodation facility where patients stay while undergoing radiation treatments.
- Rolybushcare will be running a workshop for the community at their family centre, the event will see guests participate in an educational session and build a take home possum box for the garden.
- Equity in Action will provide travel and registration support for consumer representatives and clinical research professionals from regional and rural hospital and clinical research sites to attend the Clinical Research Education Workshop.
- Round safety yard construction for RSPCA rescued horses requiring professional veterinary intervention at the Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary. Enabling the horse to be treated, broken and rehabilitated in a safe environment for trainers and the animals.
- Mother Hubbard's Cupboard will provide essential kitchen starter packs to individuals and families leaving domestic violence situations.
- Stronger Starts for Students and Parents - a 6-week program designed to help parents in regional communities support their families with the 2025 back to school transition. The program includes take home resources like school bags, books, pens, lunch boxes, drink bottles and lunchbox food ideas and provides practical tools and advice to make back to school easier and more successful.

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- Feed & Flourish - a transformative 13-week Food Bank initiative aimed at supporting asylum seekers and refugees in south and south-eastern Sydney, offering comprehensive support to foster self-efficacy and empowerment within these vulnerable communities.
- Amaranth Foundation will set up a community hydroponic garden to grow a range of vegetables to initially feed 10 local families in need in the Corowa area and surrounding regions. The project will additionally provide an opportunity for people with disabilities to develop new skills.
- The Umbrella Foundation program will provide health education, personal products and support to girls and women in bonded labour in Nepal's brick kiln factories, a qualified trainer will assist in teaching about hygiene and basic health practices.
- School Holiday Wildlife Adventure event for refugee and asylum seeker families to come together to celebrate. The day will include Australian wildlife encounters, the opportunity to participate in games, enjoy music and food and connect with other families in the community.
- The Greek Young Matrons association's initiative of Feed the People will supply and distribute toiletries and food to the homeless in the Surry Hills area.
- The Give to Gain Project will provide a weeklong sports camp for children and teens with vision and hearing impairment, helping them build confidence, independence, learn resilience and find a sense of belonging.

In addition, we were able to assist with a range of much needed replacement equipment and other important disability and security upgrades, food and clothing for people doing it tough in their community, health information resources, art workshops, community and family events.

Our annual donations to NFP shareholders and the Small Grants Program enable us to continue to reinvest our client's insurance dollars back into the sector every year. Since Community Underwriting commenced operations in 2014, we have now donated more than \$10m to clients / shareholders in the Not for Profit sector – an achievement the whole team and our insurer partners are immensely proud of.

Please let me know if you would like any further information.

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