

GIVING WINGS TO TARA'S ANGELS

A \$20,000 donation from the Snow Foundation will be a vital contribution to the delivery of a unique caseworker service that will help rebuild the lives of domestic violence victims.

CEO of the Snow Foundation Georgina Byron said the support would help create a positive legacy of driving reform in the domestic violence space after the brutal murder of Tara by her ex-partner in February.

“The Tara Costigan Foundation (TCF) was established in May after Tara’s family and friends decided to deliver real change in the way Australians dealt with family violence,” Ms Byron said.

“Their motivation is to ensure victims of violence can regain independence and strength, while the community is motivated to end the cycle of violence.

“TCF’s flagship service will be known as ‘Tara’s Angels’. The Angels will be part of a program modelled on the successful breast cancer nurses program established by the McGrath Foundation and will help to support victims and their families over a period of up to two years.

“We have been really impressed with the commitment and drive of TCF’s founder and CEO Michael Costigan. As Tara’s uncle he could be expected to be highly motivated to take action, and the fast development and effectiveness of TCF has been exceptional.

“TCF has ambitious goals to help family violence victims and are working towards ambitious targets of funding Angels in Canberra next year before spreading nationally over the next decade.

“Our experience with other organisations tells us strong financial backing is important in the start-up phase, so we wanted to provide quick, early support,” Georgina Byron said.

“TCF has a plan for family violence education and community action. They also have mapped out a range of fundraising activities to build awareness and raise funds for their activities and Tara’s Angels.

“The inaugural TCF ‘Ladies Lunch’ to be held at Hotel Realm this Friday is the next major event on their schedule.

“There are a small number of tickets still available, so I encourage Canberrans to book now and support the Tara Costigan Foundation and its important cause.”

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