

Stars come out for 'Shine bright like a Diamond' Gala Dinner

The 'Shine Bright like a Diamond' themed Annual Gala Dinner held on Saturday 17th August was the most successful yet and being our fifth consecutive Gala Dinner, was something of a milestone.

We can say the night was a 'shining' success with over 300 corporate and private guests in attendance. The evening was also a great success financially, with individual donations from raffles, other fund raising activities and corporate donations on the night totaling \$70,000! Thank you to all that attended and to our sponsors - the night would not have been such a success without you!

The dinner was a chance to remember those we have lost in their brave fight with cancer and those that with our help continue to fight. But it was also a chance to celebrate. Celebrate the miracle of those that have survived and celebrate the work of our tireless volunteers and donation raisers.

The entertainment began with a performance by the sultry 'String Angels', then later in the evening guests were blown away by the sneaky styling's of 'Tenors Undercover' with Dimitri opening the performance as a 'world renowned Greek opera singer.' Guests then shimmied the night away with dance music provided by long time Foundation supporters 'Chasing the Moon'.

Dimitri from 'Tenors Undercover' also made a surprise appearance at Susan's photography exhibition at Woolloongabba Art Gallery on the 27th August with a tearful Susan serenaded by Dimitri singing "You Raise Me Up". Susan received assistance from the Foundation this year after being diagnosed with breast cancer - see Susan's story in the article below.



Photography by Tracey Sedman from BooTeeQ Photography

Next Gala Dinner 7th March 2015

For those of you that couldn't make it this year, don't despair, the next Gala Dinner won't be until the 7th March 2015 which gives you plenty of time to get a table of friends or work colleagues together.

Hearts and help go out to two courageous mums

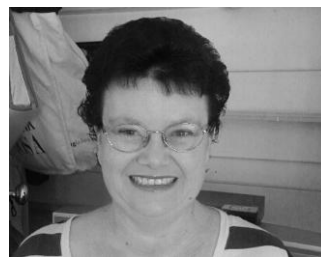
Among the many people we have helped this year were two courageous mums from Brisbane, both struggling to keep their families together whilst bravely battling cancer.

Susan, a stay at home mum who had not been in the workforce for over 20 years, was under enormous financial pressure after being diagnosed with breast cancer. Six months prior to her diagnosis her husband had left her with three children aged 12, 14 and 16 to support. The Foundation helped by paying her electricity bills which meant she could afford to register her car; essential for transport to and from her treatments and mum's taxi service. Susan continues her courageous fight against cancer.

Kerri, a working mum, bravely continued to work through her initial cancer treatment. Finally she had to stop work while undergoing more intensive Chemotherapy and Radiation treatments. During this time the Foundation helped by paying electricity and gas bills and by providing food and petrol vouchers which enabled the family to get by. In June this year Kerri was given the all clear by her surgeon - her cancer is in remission!

To read more about Susan and Kerri's stories please visit:

<http://www.lyncares.com/news/hearts-and-help-go-out-to-two-courageous-mums.aspx>



When the going gets tough, the tough think of the people they're helping to get going

Determination has its advantages.

One case in point is the amazing determination of people fighting cancer we see everyday. The second case in point is the amazing determination we see in our volunteers and the people raising much needed donations for the Foundation.

Leighton Howard is one such determined soul.

Leighton set himself the task of completing not one, but two Ironman challenges in a very short space of time. Incredibly this was the very first time he had ever entered an Ironman event! Coupling the extreme personal challenge he'd set himself with his desire to help those battling cancer, Leighton not only achieved his dream, but raised an amazing \$7,000 for the Foundation while he was at it.

Here's why Leighton chose to support the Foundation in his own words:

"This is a charity close to my heart. Cancer has affected many of my friends and family over the past few years, most of whom have had the financial means to support themselves during treatment. However not everyone is lucky enough to have the means to pay for their cancer treatment and support themselves and their family during their time in hospital."

Congratulations! And our thanks to you Leighton!

To read more about Leighton's story visit: <http://www.lyncares.com/news/a-final-thank-you.aspx>

Your help is greatly appreciated

Every year support for the Foundation and the work we do continues to grow, as do the individuals and families that need our assistance.

If you can help in any way please contact: Lisa.Coates@lyncares.com

Or to make a donation visit: <http://www.lyncares.com/make-a-donation.aspx>