STEVE WAUGH FOUNDATION

Christmas, 2014

10 YEARS AND COUNTING

During my career with the Australian Cricket Team, and particularly when confronting adversity, I would often draw on those values that makes sport truly great - **courage, strength, determination, leadership**. But the hardships of the sports arena don't compare to the tenacity and strength of character that children with rare diseases and their families display on a daily basis, these same values form the basis of their daily mantra.

As the Foundation moves into its 10th year, Lynette and I feel privileged to have been able to play a supportive role in the lives of these children, children that would otherwise have nowhere else to turn - the marginalised and often forgotten minority. I am extremely proud of what we have achieved as an organisation and very grateful to the individual and corporate supporters that have believed in and trusted our vision while I continue to be humbled by the hundreds of people who have committed time, expertise and energy to support the Foundation in anyway they could.

One such person is one of our founding **Patrons Basil Sellers AM**, who shares our vision of a national coordinated approach to rare diseases in Australia. With his support, each year we have been able to participate in World Rare Disease Day and in 2014, we were able to mark this event with our own **'Rare Star Day'**, an event exclusive to the children we support and their families, giving them the opportunity to meet, share stories and form connections with each other and the people that support them.

Equally as valuable are our numerous individual supporters - whether it be competing for us each August in the City 2 Surf, planning and hosting fundraising events on our behalf, buying tickets and tables at our Forever Green Dinners, salary sacrificing each year, our volunteers, the list is endless. Our official photographer, **Jack Atley** who donates his time for our events, **our Ambassadors Georgie Parker & Renee Eliades**, as well as **Doug Dovey** and the team at aroundyou.com.au for opening their doors to us and giving the Foundation a place to call 'home'. We thank you.

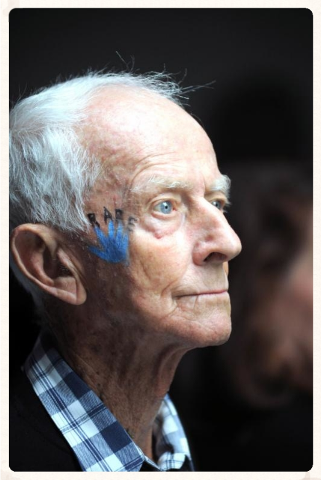
I'm excited about what's ahead for the Foundation: a new website being created by T-Bone Media, a chance to again host **RARE STAR Day** on 25 Feb 2015, 2 new fundraising events, plus our **10th Birthday Celebration at Star City** in October 2015. Another big year, full of opportunities and new friendships.

To you all, from all of us, we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Steve Waugh AO
Always 100%

10 YEARS IN REVIEW

How your support has helped us help others



We are not front and centre. Instead, we are the catalyst that brings together people (you), ambassadors and companies in order to improve the quality of life of children with rare diseases. Since 2005, you have helped us achieve some amazing results:

Fundraising: $10,000,000 +

Individual Grants Approved: 300+

Number of families we've supported: 700+

Number of different Rare Diseases we supported: 200+

Number of SNUG camps we've funded: 36

IT'S OUR BIRTHDAY!

Celebrating 10 years

2015 will mark the 10th anniversary of the Steve Waugh Foundation and to celebrate we're having a party! You're invited to attend our birthday party

on the **10th of the 10th**

at Star City in Sydney. This will be our way to showcase our achievements, raise awareness for our grant recipients and to say thank you to the people who have supported us, particularly to our **First XI Patrons** , whose support and faith in the work we do has been unwavering since day 1.

Stay Tuned.

OUR THANKS

On reflection of the work we have achieved and the people we have met along the way, **it is clear that we have made a conscious effort to work with partners who are socially responsible & enthusiastic**, engaged but not demanding.

We could not be more proud to be working with **Peter Summers and his team at AVJennings**, who continue to support us each year with the highlight being a house auction where the proceeds go directly to us.

More recently, we partnered with **Jason McLean and his team at Canon Australia**, who with the incredible support from their connections at **Ogilvy PR and Leo Burnett**, were able to bring to life our **RARE STAR Day**, as well as capture the true meaning of what we do at the Foundation in a video they produced, **"All We Ask"**, which showcases the children we support. Two partners with a genuine desire to help us make a difference to the lives of children with rare disease. And then there is **John Borghetti from Virgin Australia**, who made it possible for our children and families to come together from all over Australia at Luna Park in Sydney, to celebrate Rare Star day with us. An amazing gift.

'RARE STAR' DAY

25 February 2015

Rare Star Day is about acknowledgement & recognition for the children we support and allows them and their families the opportunity to connect with each other, initiate friendships and share their stories in an experience that can't be valued in dollars. Most importantly, it's a day where they can momentarily forget their hardships and just enjoy themselves - a day for them to shine.

Due to the resounding success of the event at Luna Park this year, our **Rare Star Day** event will continue to be our way to showcase and highlight World Rare Disease Day each year.

Rare Star Day 2015 will be no different, with a function planned at Sydney's Taronga Zoo on 25 February for Foundation grant recipients, their families and supporters.

Canon Australia put together this great **video** of the Rare Star Day 2014. Check out more images on our **FB gallery**.

RECIPIENT PROFILE

Meet Holly

CONDITION: CONGENITAL DISORDER OF GLYCOSYLATION TYPE 1A

A rare metabolic condition that causes severe global developmental delays with expressive and mild receptive language delay. Additional symptoms include; episodes of low blood sugar levels and the risk of stroke like episodes due to abnormalities of blood clotting.

The Foundation has supported Holly multiple times, providing an iPad with applications to help her communicate in 2010; and regular speech therapy in 2011-2014.

"We thought we would never hear her say her name or say 'I love you' or dance in a tutu like other little girls...and she's achieved all those things and more. Thank you for helping Holly find her voice." Rachel, Holly's mum.

GRANGE ON THE RANGE

SWF hits NSW Golf Course

The Steve Waugh Foundation is honoured to be partnering with two of Australia's most prestigious organisations to host a once-in-a-lifetime experience as one of it's signature fundraising events in 2015.

Together with **Treasury Wine Estates** and the **NSW Golf Club**, the Foundation will be hosting a Golf Day on **31 March 2015**, which will include lunch with some of the finest bottles in the Penolds Grange range. Yes please!

Full details released early 2015.

PHOTO GALLERY

Head to our **Facebook** page to catch the year in review - from the Rare Bull sale, City 2 Surf, Rare Star Day and more.

WE'RE GETTIN' SOCIAL

Instagram

Yep, we're on instagram! We'll be sharing our news and your stories via @SWFAustralia. Give us a follow, tag and share your images using #stevewaughfoundation, #somewheretoturn & #always100%. **Check it out.**

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