



## NSW Public Education's Charity of Choice

Proudly serving NSW public school  
children since 1931

### STEWART HOUSE

This year Stewart House will commemorate 80 years of making a difference in the lives of some 140,000 public school children from across NSW and the ACT. In 2010, over 800 NSW public schools sent 1,700 children to Stewart House to participate in a wide range of rewarding experiences, to be inspired to see beyond their present circumstances and to have real hope and positive aspirations for their future.

Michael Coutts-Trotter and Bob Lipscombe under separate cover have re-affirmed their respective portfolio's support for Stewart House as NSW Public Education's Charity of Choice.

In this milestone year, I ask that you promote our program throughout your school community. Stewart House must raise \$2.5million annually to cover operating costs. Staff from within the NSW public education sector have always made charitable tax deductible contributions to Stewart House. I regret that these donations have fallen to less than 32% of what is actually needed to make Stewart House's 12 day programs work. I commend the 7,500 public education staff who currently contribute through fortnightly payroll deductions.

I ask that you discuss the salary contribution scheme with your staff placing emphasis on the 'Charity of Choice' status now afforded to this iconic and well respected NSW charity. Our ongoing 'Would you miss \$4 per pay' strategy is tax deductible and in real terms, over a 12-month pay cycle, funds all boarding costs associated with one day of a child's stay.

Please provide the attached marketing material to your staff. This year, we need to boost staff salary contributions to that of over 50% of our operating costs and we are increasing the profile of our annual donation drive by allowing all those associated with NSW public education access to the competition.

\$2 in the donation drive envelope, \$2 per week (\$4 a pay) through salary sacrifice, \$2 to purchase a key ring or \$2 spent on three commemorative temporary tattoos will make the difference between operating at capacity or turning away the most needy of our children.

**Graeme Philpotts**

Chief Executive

31st January 2011



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- 1929** ▶ NSWTF president, NSW Department Education and Health medical officers propose concept of a Preventorium for malnourished public school children suffering from ill health, isolation and poverty.
- 1931** ▶ Hospital, Health & Relief Society of the NSWTF opens Stewart House – boys came from inner city and the girls from Young district. Land leased from Health (subsequently granted to Stewart House), £7,000 from Sir Frederick Stewart for building costs.
- 1931 - 1937** ▶ Hospital & Relief Society controls Stewart House and needs £2,600 per year to maintain (doors close often for up to 6 months). Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital & Relief Society released by Education for one month each year to fundraise in schools across the state. Story of Stewart House broadcast fortnightly on 2CH and children joined the birthday club.
- 1937** ▶ Nine member board appointed by the Council of Federation (NSW Teachers Federation). Teachers instructed to exclude all charity fundraising from schools apart from the Stewart House Appeal.
- 1939** ▶ Board succeeds in classifying Stewart House as a hospital. Arthur McGuiness, NSW Teachers Federation President appointed chairman of board (1939 – 1960). Board members now appointed by NSW Government and NSWTF.
- 1941** ▶ Arthur McGuiness devotes half his role to that of Stewart House fundraiser and half to NSW Teachers Federation ( 6 months salary allowed by Department of Education and Public Service Board).
- 1946** ▶ Hospital school established onsite. Education builds their first permanent building (wooden portable).
- 1950** ▶ Used clothing appeal inaugurated in conjunction with The Smith Family (continues in metropolitan schools to present day).
- 1955** ▶ Department of Education agrees to pay the cost of the superintendent's salary formerly met by the charity.
- 1956** ▶ Cottage built in grounds for use by superintendent / principal.
- 1964** ▶ Two classrooms, principal's office and staffroom erected on Stewart House site.
- 1974** ▶ Special appeal raises \$200K for new dorms and school that were approved in 1972. Health Commission grants \$400K towards building costs. Second cottage acquired for use by deputy principal.
- 1977** ▶ Purpose built SSP, dormitory / dining / recreation facility opens at a total cost of \$1.4M – accommodating intakes of high school students. Enrolments jump from 60 to 90+ per intake.
- 1978** ▶ No funds – no secondary intake (new dorms closed).
- 1979** ▶ Department of Education grants Teachers Federation's request for teachers to be able to have fortnightly contribution to Stewart House deducted from pay.
- 1989** ▶ Roofing fails on both school and upper building – Health and Education joint fund restoration \$150K a piece. Stewart House becomes a Statutory Health Corporation.
- 1996** ▶ Hot water and heating systems in junior dormitories were upgraded in line with new regulations \$100K.
- 2006** ▶ Major fire systems across all buildings on site in accordance with Warringah Council regulations upgraded at a cost of over \$400K.
- 2008** ▶ Stewart House declared an Affiliated Health Organisation – new company limited by guarantee formed. Board directors appointed according to constitution and from understandings with stakeholders.
- 2009** ▶ MoU with NSW Education and Training finalised – Recurrent funding of \$200K established. Letters of intent with NSWTF and NSW Federation of P&Cs struck. MoU with NSW Health proposed.
- 2010** ▶ Stewart House affirmed as NSW public education's CHARITY OF CHOICE through bipartisan agreement with NSW Education and Training and NSW Teachers Federation. Major renovations to children's bathrooms. 80 year old guttering replaced on lower building and external painting.
- 2011** ▶ Commemoration of 80 years of caring for children from NSW and ACT public schools.



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