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RECORD NUMBER OF CHARITIES GET GRANTS



The Australian Children's Choir performs at the Celebration of Giving.

CELEBRATION OF GIVING 2010

The number of charities receiving grants from the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation grew to more than 530 this year, a record number. At the Foundation's annual Celebration of Giving event, \$3 million in grants were announced, taking the total distributed for the year to more than \$8 million.

At the Regent Theatre Ballroom on 27 October, the Australian Children's Choir and Rory Burnside (lead vocalist of band *Rudely Interrupted*) entertained more than 300 representatives from charitable organisations, as well as donors and supporters of the Foundation.

Guest speaker Carolyn Crosse, CEO of Social Firms Australia, shared her observations about the achievements and outcomes of receiving a Major Grant from the Foundation.

The Foundation's Youth in Philanthropy presentation was a highlight of the Celebration of Giving, with 60 students from 10 Melbourne secondary schools presenting their grants to the charities they had nominated. Alisha Vickneswaran, of Werribee Secondary College, gave an inspirational insight into the students' experience.

WINTER DAYS OF GIVING 2010

This year's annual Winter Days of Giving again partnered the Foundation with radio

station 3AW and broadcaster Neil Mitchell. The campaign throughout July asked 3AW listeners to nominate which charities should receive \$5000 grants from the Foundation.

Twenty two charities were beneficiaries (see page 3) and four charities also received a Daikin air-conditioning unit, donated by Camberwell Electrics.

Winter Days of Giving concluded with a seafood luncheon on 13 October for the charity recipients and the Foundation's sponsors. The 65 guests dined at the Lobster Cave in Beaumaris, courtesy of the restaurant owner, Bill Ferg.

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