14th Annual Charity Golf Day

Sponsorship Proposal

Monday, 20 September 2010
Riverside Oaks Golf Resort, Cattai

In support of St. Gabriel’s School for Students with Hearing Impairment and other Special Needs
Coleman Greig has been involved in raising funds for St. Gabriel’s School since 1997.

2010 marks the 14th year of the Coleman Greig Charity Golf Day and we really want to make this year special for the children of St. Gabriel’s.

St. Gabriel’s is only partly funded by Government and every year the gap between this funding and actual costs to run the specialist high teacher to student ratio widens. The balance needs to be raised by external sources and community fundraising.

St. Gabriel’s desperately needs these funds to update resources and to continue the specialised work with children with hearing impairment and children with a wide range of disabilities that impede their learning in a normal school environment.

Coleman Greig Charity Golf Day has raised over $510,000 since 1997 and we want to crack the $600,000 mark this year!

Our goal is to raise $90,000 to assist the children at St. Gabriel’s School to access an education program which meets their individual special needs in a challenging, nurturing and caring environment.

To achieve this goal, we seek support from the business community in a variety of ways:

- We offer local business the opportunity to sponsor a hole and bring players on the day
- We also welcome donations of goods and services for various events that take place at the dinner including a Charity Auction.

This Sponsorship Proposal provides comprehensive details about the range of sponsorship opportunities available through the Coleman Greig Charity Golf Day. We encourage you to consider how your organisation can benefit from becoming part of this exciting event - and at the same time you’ll be helping the children and families that benefit so greatly from their time at St. Gabriel’s.

In recognition of the role Coleman Greig plays in raising funds for local charities, the firm was the winner of the 2008 Regional Excellence, Outstanding Community Contribution category at the 2008 Western Sydney Industry Awards.
St. Gabriel’s has been looking after children with hearing impairments and since 1922 and is located at Castle Hill, in North West Sydney.

Over the past number of years, the success of the Cochlear Implant and other advances in technology has enabled far more children with hearing impairment to enter mainstream education. St. Gabriel’s has always been a strong supporter of transition programs to encourage that trend.

This trend has impacted on enrolment patterns at St. Gabriel’s allowing for enrolment of students with a wider range of disabilities.

As a result, 2009 was a year of introduced change for St. Gabriel’s - some difficult decisions had to be made to ensure the future of the school.

While continuing the proud tradition of support for children with hearing impairment, from the beginning of 2010 St. Gabriel’s now offers a range of programs catering for children with hearing impairment as well as those children with disabilities such as intellectual disability and autism in the mild to moderate range. These children may or may not have a hearing impairment.

This move is in response to a growing need in the Hills District. There is a very real need for a school for children where a mainstream education may not be the best option. By responding to this need, the future of the school is ensured and the expertise in special education teaching is fully utilised and brings the beautiful facilities that the school has to offer to more children and their families.

St. Gabriel’s continues to provide programs offering excellence in language, communication and quality special education for children with hearing impairments and other disabilities, in a specialised environment in the Edmund Rice tradition and the association with Coleman Greig through the Annual Charity Golf Day will continue to be a major form of support for the growth of St. Gabriel’s.
St. Gabriel's program is very labour intensive which results in higher costs - the high teacher to student ratio, small class sizes and the additional costs involved in resources and especially technology for children with special needs means that after available government funding and fees, there is a funding deficit each and every year that must be met by fundraising.

St. Gabriel's simply could not exist without fundraising and community support.

Continued funding is vital for the school to support these children in their learning and their families; to allow them to grow and to for the school to deliver on its goals of teaching students to learn in the way they need to learn so that they may take an active and involved place in their world.

Funds raised from the 14th Annual Coleman Greig Charity Golf Day will contribute to the lives of the children at St. Gabriel's and their families by providing individual specialised educational programs and appropriate technological resources and support for St.Gabriel's students with special needs.

The money raised from the Coleman Greig Annual Golf Day helps gives them the best chance of comprehensive education at a school that caters for their whole person and works in partnership with their families to achieve the best outcomes for each child.
One of our parents once said to me: “Every child has the right to learn in the way they need to learn”

Our school exists to extend this hope to parents of children with hearing impairment and other special needs….the children, for whom mainstream education may not be the best option- those children who, without our school, could slip through the cracks.

Two of our students, Evi and Blake are each on their own journey: one just beginning and one that’s taken a new direction. Each a special story of courage where these children are discovering, learning and growing in an environment that meets their special learning needs.

To look at Evi, you see a beautiful child, with a smile to melt even the toughest heart and an enthusiasm for life that is plainly evident. Evi started with St. Gabriel’s this year in Kindergarten and her parents couldn’t be more thrilled with her progress so far. Born with Gastroschisis, Evi needed several correcting operations from birth. No one can be sure – but associated infections and complications may have resulted in her developmental issues.

She is one of five children in her family and thanks to her mum’s background in early intervention education they picked up on Evi’s slow rate of development. Evi was diagnosed with a global development delay, a mild intellectual disability and speech disorder.

After years of special early intervention education, speech and occupational therapy, Evi was approaching school age and her parents wanted a school where she wouldn’t be lost in a huge class – somewhere where her particular needs would be met and where her mum, Belinda would be supported in her aspirations for her daughter, including making friends and feeling a sense of belonging.

“With the kind of personality she has, Evi would have been seriously challenged in a mainstream setting – she is shy and diminutive and could be overlooked as ‘different’ in a crowd.” says her mum. “She has made friends with all the other kids at St. Gabriel’s and that’s so important to us; she has a sense of belonging. All she talks about is her school and her friends!”

“And I feel like a normal mum again – a huge weight has been lifted from my shoulders knowing that I have a team of people interested in Evi and her “whole person”. We are working together and it is wonderful to feel so supported - I don’t know where she’d be without St. Gabriel’s, to be honest,” says Belinda.
Blake is 9 years old and is an engaged, enthusiastic and interested student. Blake has autism and intellectual disabilities and sees the world very differently from his mainstream peers. This year he started in Year 3 at St. Gabriel’s and he loves learning in an environment which develops his unique and individual strengths. But it wasn’t always so.

His parents were told that he would probably not ever learn effectively - they were concerned that a regular school system may not meet his needs. So began their search for an appropriate school where the staff would work in partnership on developing his strengths and his whole person in preparation for the real world. His parents found such a school in St. Gabriel’s. Here he is challenged by an exciting program, cared for in a small class and in a safe environment where he is free to be himself and where he is congratulated for his personal achievements. His teachers are trained in the needs of children with intellectual disabilities like Blake and they tailor their teaching to be meaningful to each child in their class, supported by additional specialists.

Even in the short time he’s been here; his parents have seen a marked improvement in his confidence and language skills and his ability to relate to others, thanks to the innovative program which includes opportunities to be part of exciting educational experiences in and out of the school. “It’s a very exciting place to be part of and we’re thrilled to be on the journey with Blake!” says his mum.

These are just two of our beautiful children – they all have stories of triumph.

The Coleman Greig Golf Day means we can continue to support these kids in the areas that make a difference to them so that they “learn in the way they need to learn”.

The Charity Golf Day

Date: Monday, 20 September 2010
Venue: Riverside Oaks Golf Resort
        O’Briens Road (off Wiseman’s Ferry Rd), Cattai
Time: Registration from 9.00am

The Coleman Greig Charity Golf Day is held at Riverside Oaks, one of Sydney’s finest resort courses and recently selected to host the NSW PGA Championship for the next three years. The 18 hole par 72 championship course is set on 587 bushland acres and is rated amongst the top courses in Australia.

The event will be Ambrose (team of 4 players) and there will be plenty of challenges around the course on the day including a Hole in One Competition, Nearest the Pin and a Putting Competition to name a few.

The game is followed by pre-dinner drinks and a presentation dinner where guests will enjoy our fundraising activities which include:

- Charity Auction
- Raffle
- Business Card Draw
- Lucky Door Prizes
- Gold Coin Challenge
One of our major sources of fundraising is the Charity Auction which is a highlight of the dinner that takes place after the game. We always try to ensure the auction items are really interesting and unique and last year we raised close to $12,000 during the auction.

The range of auction items we have secured in the past includes:

- Travel and accommodation packages
- Sporting memorabilia
- Entertainment
- Adventure packs eg. Ballooning, car racing, joy flights, boating, etc
- Wine
- Electrical goods

We would really appreciate you giving consideration to what you might be able to donate to our fundraising cause. You can be assured the children of St. Gabriel’s will benefit first hand from your generosity.
Corporate Sponsorship - $5,500

There is no GST applicable as the Coleman Greig Charity Golf Day will be treated as an Input Tax Fundraising event as required under paragraph 40-160 (1)(d) of the GST Act.

Your Corporate Sponsorship package includes:

- Team of 8 players (2 teams)
- Motorised golf carts
- One-hour golf clinic with golf professional prior to the game for all your players
- Lunch for 8 players
- Dinner for 8 players
- Signage at the Clubhouse
- Tee Signage
- Acknowledgement in the Festival Program
- Recognition at the dinner and in the programme booklet
- Recognition in St. Gabriel’s newsletter
- Recognition on St. Gabriel’s and Coleman Greig websites
- Recognition in local media

Limited Packages Available
Gold Sponsorship Package

Gold Sponsorship - $2,250

There is no GST applicable as the Coleman Greig Charity Golf Day will be treated as an Input Tax Fundraising event as required under paragraph 40-160 (1)(d) of the GST Act.

Your Gold Sponsorship package includes:

- Team of 4 players
- Motorised golf cart
- Lunch for 4 players
- Dinner for 4 players
- Tee signage
- Acknowledgement in the Festival Program
- Recognition at the dinner and in the programme booklet
- Recognition in St. Gabriel’s newsletter

Limited Packages Available
Riverside Oaks would like to offer players the opportunity to stay overnight at the Resort either prior to the game on Sunday night or after the game on the Monday night. A special package has been arranged specifically for players at the Coleman Greig Charity Golf Day which includes:

Sunday Night Package
- Overnight accommodation in brand new luxury three and four bedroom homes overlooking the Championship golf course
- 9 holes of golf including motorised golf cart after 2:30pm on Sunday, 19 September
- Self Cook BBQ hamper (BYO available)
- Self Cook Hot Breakfast hamper
- Riverside Oaks Golf Ball

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Charity Golf Day
Sponsorship Confirmation

To confirm your participation please fax completed form to 02 9843 0409
Attn: Amanda Bayfield, Marketing & Events Coordinator, Coleman Greig Lawyers.

Sponsor’s Details

Company Name: ___________________________ Address: ___________________________
Contact Person: ___________________________ ___________________________
Phone: __________________ Fax: __________________ Email: ___________________________

Charity Auction

I would like to donate the following goods and/or services for the Charity Auction and/or other fundraising activities (eg. raffle, lucky door prizes, etc): ___________________________

Sponsorship Levels (please indicate level of sponsorship)

Corporate Sponsorship Package $5,500*

Your package includes:
• Team of 8 players (2 teams)
• Motorised golf carts
• One-hour golf clinic with golf professional prior to the game for all your players
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Gold Sponsorship Package $2,250*

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• Team of 4 players
• Motorised golf cart
• Lunch for 4 players
• Dinner for 4 players

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Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Cheques to be made payable to ‘St. Gabriel’s School’ and sent C/- Amanda Bayfield, Coleman Greig, PO Box 260 Parramatta NSW 2150.

Please make available your company logo for use in the promotion of the Coleman Greig Charity Golf Day. The logo should be of high quality (in either EPS, or jpeg format) Email your logo toabayfield@colemandgreig.com.au by 20 August, 2010.