**THE USMAN KHAWAJA FOUNDATION AND SpArc FOUNDATION PARTNER TO ASSIST MARGANILISED YOUTH**

The Usman Khawaja Foundation and SpArc Foundation announce a multi-year partnership to help alleviate disadvantage experienced by youth through the provision of educational and cricketing opportunities.

SpArc Foundation will donate $50,000 each year, reviewable each August, to the Usman Khawaja Foundation.

SpArc Foundation (formerly Epic Good Foundation) is dedicated to consolidating philanthropic efforts by Stuart Giles, Cathie Reid, and their children. Their primary mission is to enhance health outcomes in Australia, with a specific emphasis on gender equity and Closing the Gap in Indigenous health. This initiative began when the Usman Khawaja Foundation was appointed as the Charity Partner of the Southern Rockets, a cricket franchise majority-owned by Cathie and Stuart Giles, competing in the Century Cricket Competition. The success of this collaboration paved the way closer involvement with Usman Khawaja through an alignment of goals and commitment to fostering change.

The Usman Khawaja Foundation’s mission is to assist youth to engage with their local community by developing well-rounded leaders and increasing opportunities for participation in cricket, academic endeavour, social mobility and the development of networks for youth from disadvantaged communities, including new immigrants and refugees.

Stuart Giles, co-founder of SpArc Foundation, expressed his enthusiasm for the partnership, stating, "the SpArc Foundation collaboration with the Usman Khawaja Foundation marks a significant milestone in the continued evolution of Cathie and my relationship with the Usman Khawaja Foundation. Making the transition from raising awareness of the Usman Khawaja Foundation' great work through their position on the playing and training shirts of our Southern Rockets players as our Charity Partner to become a long-term financial contributor to the fulfilment of their mission is very exciting. The focus remains on nurturing and empowering young Australians to achieve their dreams, leveraging the power of sports, particularly cricket, as a vehicle for positive change”.

In the 2022/23 season the Usman Khawaja Foundation in partnership with Cricket Australia delivered free cricket programs across NSW, QLD and the ACT, reaching 2036 participants aged between 4 and 12.

Usman Khawaja, renowned Australian cricketer and founder of the Usman Khawaja Foundation, shared his vision for the foundation, saying, "The Usman Khawaja Foundation aims to set young Australians on the road to fulfilling their aspirations and will play an important role in shaping the type of nation Australia will become in the future. Our partnership with SpArc Foundation brings us one step closer to realizing this vision."

This funding will assist the Usman Khawaja Foundation’s plans to conduct clinics in regional areas of Australia, as well as provide educational support to young participants. By channelling their collective efforts, the collaboration between SpArc Foundation and the Usman Khawaja Foundation is poised to make a lasting impact on the lives of many aspiring young Australians, helping them reach their full potential.

Further information about the Usman Khawaja Foundation can be found on: [www.usmankhawajafoundation.au](http://www.usmankhawajafoundation.au)

Further information about the SpArc Foundation can be found on: [www.sparcfoundation.com.au](http://www.sparcfoundation.com.au)

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