



THE USMAN KHAWAJA FOUNDATION AND SpArc FOUNDATION: CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP TO SUPPORT MARGINALISED YOUTH

The Usman Khawaja Foundation and SpArc Foundation are proud to announce the continuation of their partnership to support disadvantaged youth through educational and cricketing opportunities.



Building on their initial commitment, SpArc Foundation has donated an additional \$50,000 to the Usman Khawaja Foundation this year, reaffirming their shared vision of empowering young Australians. Representatives of SpArc Foundation, including Sam Giles, son of SpArc founders Cathie Reid and Stuart Giles, attended The Test Lunch, supporting the Usman Khawaja Foundation, to make the announcement and celebrate the ongoing collaboration.

SpArc Foundation brings together the philanthropic efforts of Stuart Giles, Cathie Reid, and their family, with a focus on health, gender equity, and Closing the Gap in Indigenous health. Their goals align closely with the Usman Khawaja Foundation's mission to foster leadership and create opportunities for disadvantaged youth, including new immigrants and refugees.

Stuart Giles, co-founder of SpArc Foundation, said: "The continuation of our collaboration with the Usman Khawaja Foundation reflects our unwavering commitment to supporting young Australians in achieving their potential. It's been inspiring to see the impact of this partnership, and we're excited to help expand the foundation's reach this year."

Building on its previous success—reaching over 2,600 young participants through free cricket programs across NSW, QLD, and the ACT—the Usman Khawaja Foundation will use this year's funding to expand its regional presence, offer more clinics, and increase educational support for participants.

In 2024 Sam Giles has been actively involved, participating to deliver a six-week program on the Gold Coast, on behalf of UKF. Sam said "it was great to meet the children who benefit from the Foundation. I ran a basic-skills cricket program for about 25 kids, and it was rewarding to help start their cricket journey".

Usman Khawaja, founder of the Usman Khawaja Foundation, added: "The SpArc Foundation's continued support brings us closer to our mission of enabling young





Australians to realize their dreams. Together, we're shaping a future where opportunity and inclusion are within everyone's reach."

This enduring partnership between the Usman Khawaja Foundation and SpArc Foundation demonstrates their shared dedication to making a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of young Australians.

Further information about the Usman Khawaja Foundation can be found on: <u>www.usmankhawajafoundation.au</u>

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