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Dear Friend,

What are your neighbours like?

Recently I was fortunate enough to listen to a friend talk about his neighbours.

His neighbours are a family who use our Hobart services.

“Living next to the *Jacksons (not their real name) has made me a better person,” he said.

He went on to describe the patience and energy he sees every day as they race their younger children and their child with special needs to school, activities and appointments. All these things are done while they both manage to hold down careers.

He sees in their faces a passion and desire to do everything within their means to help all of the children reach their potential.

“They make me stop and think about my life and what I can do to be a better contributor,” he said.

That’s true for many of us who work in the disability sector; it’s impossible to ignore those in our community who sometimes feel invisible.

At the end of winter I met a former student of StGiles school - *Jake (not his real name) I reckon Jake had been ‘invisible’ to most of society for 20 years.

At 37 he’d lived a difficult life since leaving the security and support of StGiles where he’d lived and done well at school until he was 18.

He was a member of previous generations of people with disability, who at 18, lost all right to access education and health services.

So many of the people we have helped at StGiles can tell the same story. StGiles provided the health services they needed UNTIL they turned 18.

Now we are transitioning into the National Disability Insurance Scheme and people will not be left without our help and support once they turn 18.

We see the passion and determination in parents’ and carers’ faces every day.

One thing never changes. We never ever have enough money to provide everything that is needed to do our job. Without you there is no equipment, no books, devices and expertise to help young Tasmanians with disability reach their potential.

Ian Wright
StGiles Chief Executive

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Let us travel to you. A modern approach to assisted living

The very latest assistive technology and engineering expertise is available to all Tasmanians with Participate Assistive Technology – PAT - and SEMAT - Statewide Seating Equipment Modification and Assessment Teams - at StGiles.

We finally are taking our skills Statewide with this year's re-alignment of seating, mobility and assistive living solutions, StGiles chief executive Ian Wright said.



StGiles seating technician David Lowe with Candice Langshaw.

StGiles SEMAT: StGiles seating clinic has responded to changing customer demand with the development of SEMAT – statewide Seating Equipment Modification and Assessment Team.

SEMAT Manager is Occupational Therapist Ailsa Leslie, a long serving staff member of StGiles, Launceston.

SEMAT services are available to all in the community who require their expertise.

"We'll go anywhere to see anyone to help achieve their mobility goals within the NDIS," Mrs Leslie said.

"On top of our public service, SEMAT also offers a private service with reduced waiting times.

"We are time efficient, cost effective, client-centred and offer completely independent advice and recommendations because we are not linked to any specific supplier," she said.

StGiles PAT: (Statewide) Participate Assistive Technology service.

PAT team works from Hobart and Launceston as well as regular outreach services to the North-West and East Coast.

PAT Statewide Manager Peter Hockley said PAT was StGiles response to growth in requests for assistive technology to help people transition from school to university, TAFE and work as well as living independently.

StGiles PAT team is comprised of occupational therapists, speech pathologists and physiotherapists, collaborating with clients and carers to identify and carefully prescribe the most appropriate communication or other assistive technology devices.

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Black Diamond Dinner



StGiles Black Diamond Dinner made history as the first non-religious event in the entire 190 years of St John's Anglican Church, Launceston.

Pews were removed, long tables and lighting installed by Event Avenue and Weeding Hire and 250 people enjoy a truffle inspired menu developed and served by Novaro's chefs Nick Hooper as well as Richard Matson, Neville Bowden, Michele Johnson, Andrew Murray, Scott Murchison and James Read with all first grade truffles donated by Tamar Valley Truffles and all super premium wines donated by Brown Brothers Tamar Ridge Estates.

StGiles raised \$35,000 from the evening which goes directly into service delivery for

the 3000 children who rely on StGiles.

The theft and return of the painting Lucy by Chee Yong was momentarily heartbreaking, but ended well with Lucy's return, undamaged to St Johns.



Donation welcome



Jonty and Fiona Barnett of Eden Foods have spent the past year developing the Emma's Dairy range of cows' milk yoghurts in vanilla, honey and raspberry flavours.

Eden Foods was established by the Barnetts in 1992 and is one of Tasmania's largest importers and distributors of specialist foods. A percentage of EVERY tub sold will be donated to StGiles and the yoghurt will be available Statewide through IGA.



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Balfour Burn

A brand new committee has been formed for the 2016 Balfour Burn, which will be held on May 1, 2016.

The committee is comprised of Brian Finch, Lucy Millwood, Tom Harrison, Sam Woolcock, Craig Boon and Sam Ralph.

The group aims to attract 1000 participants to a new, tighter style event which is to include a Blue Burn for Men's Health Awareness, Harrison Humphrey's (obstacle) Hill of Hurt and Woolcock's Pet and Pram races.

Follow the Balfour Burn on Like us on Facebook

US Child and Family Services Expert at StGiles



A leader in child and family services from Tucson Arizona visited StGiles in October as part of a disability services exchange program between Tasmania and the United States.

Megan Wills visited all areas of StGiles services and said the common thread was the sustained high level of passion and professionalism from all StGiles teams.

Mrs Wills is associate director of Child and Family Services at the Easter Seals Blake Foundation in Tucson.

Her organisation serves 18,000 children and adults in Arizona, offering, among others, child care, child protection and early childhood development services.

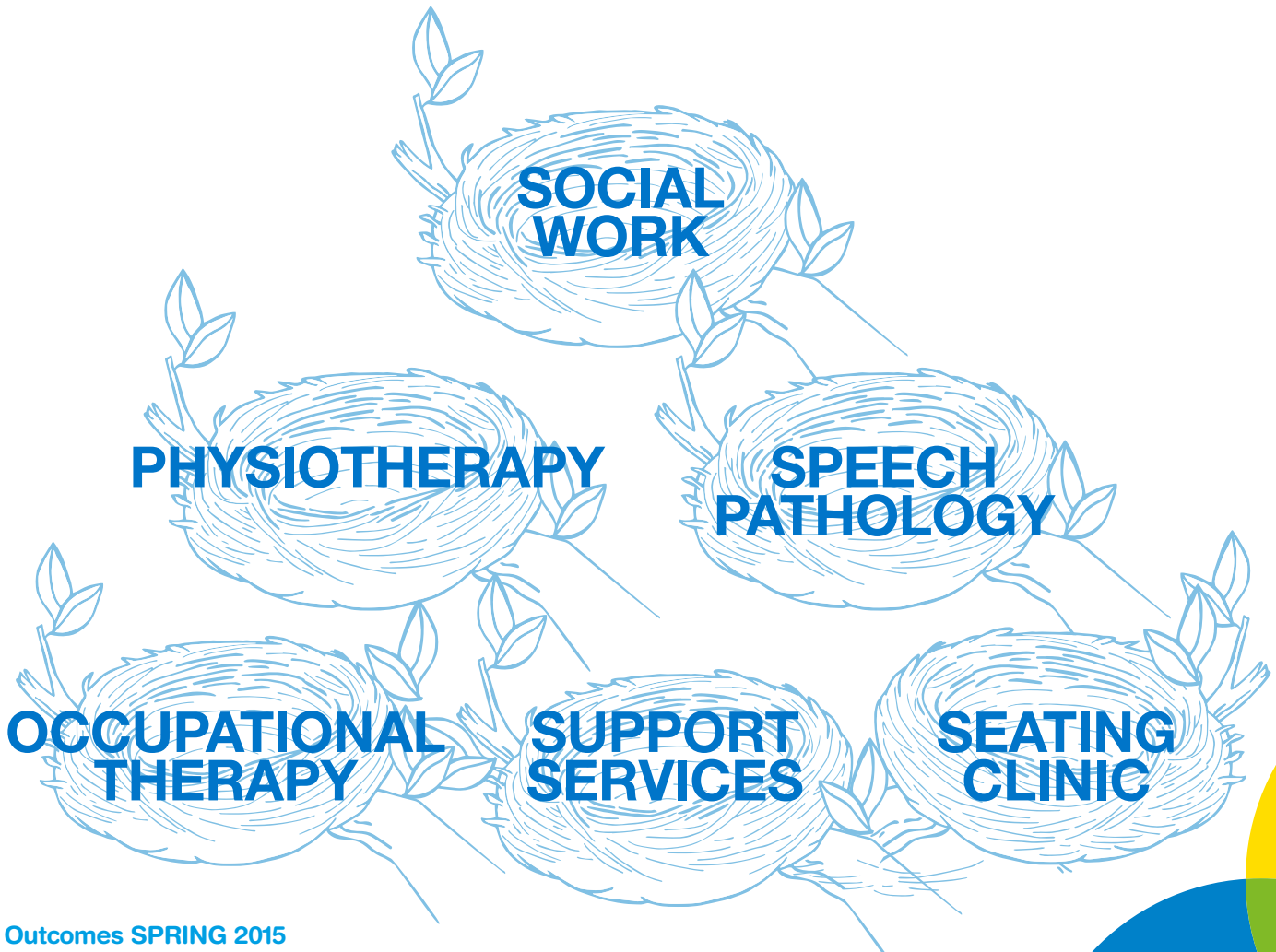
The Blake Foundation, which like StGiles is funded philanthropically and by the State and Federal governments, has recently expanded its role to include child and adult Behaviour Support Services which include psychology, family support and in-home, customised care to children and families as well as comprehensive psychiatric and medication services.

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