

Charity Building Projects

An initiative of the Property Industry Foundation



Sir David Martin Foundation, *Triple Care Farm* est.1990

Former Governor of NSW, Rear-Admiral Sir David Martin created the Sir David Martin Foundation (SDMF) to provide safety, hope and opportunity through creative youth initiatives for young people. Triple Care Farm (TCF), located in Robertson (NSW Southern Highlands), co-ordinates youth programs that assist marginalised young people to make the steps towards a positive future.

How do they help youth homelessness and young people at risk?

TCF provides accommodation, support and teaching for approximately 80 young people in crisis throughout the year. During their stay they are taught to move on from their past traumatic experiences. These desperate young people have tried to access other services in their own community, however this group need intensive help to break the cycle of their negative behaviours.

What is the current project that PIF is funding?

Funding for the current project will cover the refurbishment of the existing training centre plus the six-bedroom house to enable larger groups to attend counseling services. Upgrades to the site will include; demolition, groundwork, concreting, new roofing, new windows & doors, wall cladding, fixtures and equipment and electrical upgrades. Ancillary refurbishments will include, mechanical ventilation, new IT hardware and external landscaping.

Why did PIF believe that the project needed funding assistance?

TCF is one of the most successful programs of its kind in Australia in reaching out to emotionally hurt and troubled young people. The majority of all graduates move into jobs, apprenticeships or furthering their education. At present over 3,000 enquiries for help each year are taken by the foundation. The farm's expansion will enable SDMF to offer more programs to young people in need.

Total cost of this project?

\$515,000

Other projects PIF has assisted with:

- A tractor for young people to learn farming skills: \$45,000
- A refurbishment of a 6-bedroom house: \$150,000
- An upgrade of their Training Centre: \$37,726

How much did the PIF Board approve for this project?

\$515,000

The Project Team who are providing in-kind professional services to PIF; both project management and quantity surveying services.



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