



# Charity Youth Programs

## An Initiative of the Property Industry Foundation



### **Ted Noffs Foundation, *Street University, Liverpool* est. 1971**

The Ted Noffs Foundation is a secular organization that continues the legacy of Ted Noffs by providing essential services for young people and their families who are experiencing drug and alcohol problems and related trauma. One of their major youth programs is “Street University” located in South West Sydney.

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

The “Street University” Youth Work Co-ordinators’ provides help and educational facilities for marginalized youth from the Fairfield and Liverpool areas. Youth can walk off the street and have access to the free resources and services dedicated to educational, vocational and recreational programs. The aim of the centre is to support young people in finding alternative and healthier life pathways, and successfully creating lasting positive change in their local community.

#### **What is the program that PIF is funding?**

Property Industry Foundation is funding sponsorship of a Youth Work Co-ordinator at the “Street University” who will help provide; access to alternative modes of learning & recreational programs for self development; creative arts programs & performance opportunities to promote social conscientiousness within youths; and holistic intervention services to help them overcome drugs, homelessness, abuse, and mental illness related issues. These services help advocate strong relationships between disadvantaged youths and community organisations and promote vital interfaith dialogue within the area, strengthening these neglected young people’s ties to their local community.

For example, their arts based program, HipHOperations, provides young people with opportunities to communicate their ideas to the wider public, through mediums such as hip-hop, graffiti, multimedia and other street based arts. The intended outcomes of this program are that young people begin to identify themselves as strong, independent, and socially conscious.

#### **Why did PIF believe that the program needed funding assistance?**

Property Industry Foundation recognizes that Ted Noffs creates opportunities for desperate young people to help them realise their own ability to affect positive change within themselves and their communities. The initiatives run by Youth Work Co-ordinators’ at the Street University are not band-aid solutions; they are comprehensive life-management programs designed to equip youth-in-need with skills to better manage their own lives. Street University provides a positive catalyst for change needed for troubled youth to help themselves, which has already proven successful in Ted Noffs’ “Program for Adolescent Life Management” located in Randwick.

#### **What is the total cost of this program?**

**1<sup>st</sup> Year: \$75,000**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Year: \$75,000**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Year: \$75,000**

#### **How much did the PIF Board approve for this program?**

**1<sup>st</sup> Year: \$75 000**  
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