



Football lunch raises \$40k for Foundation

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Last Friday at the National Wine Centre, a sold-out audience of 300 people celebrated the Living Without Limits Foundation's inaugural Footy Legends Lunch, which featured South Australian football royalty Neil Kerley, Barrie Robran and Russell Ebert.

Other special guests included former AFL chief executive Wayne Jackson and former champion basketballer Phil Smyth.

The LWL Foundation, a not-for-profit children's charity founded in 2012 by Phillip de Pinto, Steve Maras and George Yatzis was created to raise funds for very specific purposes primarily in relation to Autism and Cerebral Palsy.

One of the highlights of the day was the auction, conducted by Foundation chairman and leading motor vehicle auctioneer, Phillip de Pinto.

All up, just under \$40,000 was raised during the afternoon exceeding all expectations, with post-event donations still filtering through.

It is anticipated that the final figure will edge closer to \$50,000.

"We were simply overwhelmed by the support shown on the day, and the many sponsors who donated auction items and in-kind support leading up to the event," Mr de Pinto said.

"We cannot be happier with the outcome and it is all going towards our goal of establishing a House of Respite.

"It is important for all our sponsors and supporters to know that the Foundation directors absorb all costs and pay no wages or administration fees meaning that 100 per cent of the funds raised will go where they should be going."

Foundation vice chair Steve Maras thanked the three football legends for their support, while also making special mention of the relentless and tenacious efforts of Mr de Pinto "in creating a charity that will have long lasting benefits for hundreds, hopefully thousands of families in South Australia for many years to come".

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