



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **CanDo4Kids CELEBRATE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE**

On Thursday, April 2, more than 1,000 invited guests will gather in the grounds of Government House to celebrate CanDo4Kids and the great work being done in the South Australian community for Deaf and Blind kids.

South Australian Governor, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, accompanied by his wife Mrs Liz Scarce, will officially welcome guests.

Invited guests include CanDo4Kids Ambassadors former Adelaide Crow Rhett Biglands, singer/songwriter Amity Dry and BankSA Managing Director Rob Chapman.

CanDo4Kids will showcase some of its work and also thank its supporters for making it possible.

Guests will be treated to a special performance by CanDo4Kids client, fifteen year old Rachel. In addition guests will also meet six-year old Maicey who was born profoundly Deaf. Maicey received a cochlear implant at age three and shortly afterwards began auditory verbal therapy with CanDo4Kids, teaching her to listen and speak.

CanDo4Kids Chief Executive Officer Mr Paul Flynn said the support and therapy provided by CanDo4Kids has been a great success and Maicey now attends a mainstream primary school – doing all the things other kids her age do.

“As a not-for-profit and a provider of free services we rely on support and donations from the community, and it’s important to thank our supporters,” Mr Flynn said.

“Each year we change lives across the State but we cannot do it without the support of the South Australian community.

“CanDo4Kids Day is an annual event in which supporters are invited to ‘hear’ and ‘see’ what impact their support is having,” he said.

Mr Flynn said the true impact we have on the lives of Deaf and Blind kids in South Australia is immeasurable.

CanDo4Kids, established in 1874, is South Australia's oldest charity and principle provider of charitable services to children and young adults who are Deaf, Blind or vision or hearing impaired.

The mission of CanDo4Kids is to help change the lives of SA kids by focusing on what kids 'can do' and helping them to reach their full potential.

All services provided by CanDo4Kids are provided free of charge to children and young adults (birth to 25 years) in both metropolitan and country South Australia.

**WHAT: CanDo4Kids Day**

**WHERE: Government House, North Terrace**

**WHEN: Thursday, April 2, 1.30pm until 3.30pm**

**VISUAL: His Excellency the Governor Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce; CanDo4Kids Ambassadors including Rhett Biglands, Amity Dry and BankSA Managing Director Rob Chapman; CanDo4Kids clients Maicy and Rachel and VIP guests**

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