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YOUNG BEAUTY HAS WORLD AT HER FEET

Last month, CanDo4Kids client Rachel Bartholomew blew away 1,000 guests at Government House who were there to celebrate CanDo4Kids and its supporters.

At 15 the young songstress has also recently won a singing competition to perform in Italy on television.

Born with Retinitis Pigmentosa, Rachel is legally blind; however, she has overcome many challenges to become a successful singer and musician and is a member of the Brighton High School music program.

CanDo4Kids Ambassador and singer/songwriter Amity Dry was at CanDo4Kids Day to witness Rachel as she performed at Government House for the governor and invited guests.

Amity said Rachel's performance was powerful and uplifting.

"She put a lot of emotion into the songs and has a very strong voice, especially for such a young age," Amity said.

"I think she has a big future ahead of her," she said.

CanDo4Kids Chief Executive Officer Mr Paul Flynn said he was humbled and astounded by the quality of the performance.

"Rachel is an amazing young woman who despite her vision impairment has excelled in her chosen field," Mr Flynn said.

"Rachel is proof that through the right support kids with a vision impairment can achieve their potential.

"CanDo4Kids congratulates Rachel on her achievements and wish her all the success on her Italian adventure.

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.

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