

Healthcare & charity – a physio first!

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Physiotherapists in Australia are amongst some of the most privileged and resourceful people in this country. Along with this, they are also known for their compassion and selfless attitude toward those in need around them. True to this reputation, and overwhelmed with a sense to be significant in the lives of disadvantaged people, the Directors and staff of a large private practice group founded the first Physiotherapy public not-for-profit foundation with the expressed purpose of using physio talent and resources to provide direct relief of poverty and disease in needy Australian communities. The Back In Motion Health Group have had official ATO endorsement for the SOS Foundation, and after only 2 years of activity have raised approximately \$150,000. Sponsored projects have include flying physiotherapists into Arnhem Land to work amongst needy indigenous communities, funding camps for abused children, working amongst the bushfire-ravaged areas of Victoria and staffing urban food kitchens. Picture physiotherapists working shoulder-to-shoulder for the benefit of disadvantaged people around them. With greater awareness and industry-wide support, our profession could rally behind the SOS Foundation and other causes like it to broaden the reach of our professional expertise and heartfelt concern to those who need it most.