

## Media Release

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## A brighter future: Strong Spirit Strong Culture Strong People

On 26 May each year since 1998, the first anniversary of the Bringing them Home report, Australia remembers its Stolen Generations.

The Bringing them Home Report presented evidence and provided a comprehensive understanding of the complexities of the impact of the forcible removal of Aboriginal children from their families and communities. It recognised the trauma and grief suffered by members of the Stolen Generations and their families and the continuing harm that has affected their children and grandchildren.

The Healing Foundation works with members of the Stolen Generations and their families, funding programs to support them on their healing journeys. Healing is the first step to removing the disadvantage for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in education, employment, health, economic development and community safety.

'For our Stolen Generations embarking on a healing journey is an act of courage that requires acknowledgement and support. Healing programs provide hope for the future and positive change for our communities' said Mr Richard Weston, CEO of the Healing Foundation.

The Healing Foundation supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities on the journey to: Strong Spirit Strong Culture Strong People.

The Healing Foundation supports culturally strong, locally run healing programs around Australia. These programs support members of the Stolen Generations, grow our kids strong, assist communities to build strength and skill up workers.

For more information go to <u>www.healingfoundation.org.au</u>, on facebook at www.facebook.com/healingfoundation and on twitter @healingourway

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