



## MEDIA RELEASE



### **Children's Ground is proud to announce a major five-year, \$9.57 million partnership with Goodman Foundation**

This significant, long-term partnership will help to scale Children's Ground's 25-year approach to education, employment, health, economy, culture and community wellbeing led by First Nations people of Mparntwe (Alice Springs).

The partnership is focused on six key areas:

1. Strengthening and expanding learning delivery for children 0-11 years;
2. Establishing an extended hours and community development program to engage children and young people at risk;
3. Support the engagement of men in employment, and as role models and leaders;
4. Protect First Nations culture and languages, and provide support for Elders;
5. Support on-going leadership, evidence and research opportunities;
6. Support organisational capacity.

Children's Ground CEO Ms Jane Vadiveloo said "long-term and significant funding, like that of Goodman Foundation, enables us to continue to facilitate generational change for children and families across five communities in Mparntwe,"

Opportunities for employment, education, safety, health, wellbeing, family and community activities and cultural life will be improved in the short-term, and together we will strengthen the foundations for generational success in the long-term," she said.

Children's Ground is grateful for the generosity of Goodman Foundation, and their extraordinary commitment to making a sustained and tangible difference by backing the leadership and talent of First Nations communities," she said.

Children's Ground Chair Mr William Tilmouth said "our partnership with Goodman Foundation will empower our communities. Long-term relationships are key to systemic change. Goodman Foundation's commitment acknowledges this, and speaks to their willingness to collaborate and innovate," he said.

This relationship will pave the way for communities to plan, establish, operate and govern developments from inception through to realisation. This is critical in giving First Nations people agency in their lives and having them decide the steps they want their community to take towards the future,” he said.

Crucially, it demonstrates strong regard and recognition of community leadership,” he said.

Goodman Foundation’s CEO Ms Kris Ashpole said “through partnerships with First Nations led organisations like Children’s Ground, we aim to accelerate tangible solutions that strengthen communities and enable long term positive change.”

Through our five-year \$9.57 million commitment we aim to provide practical support and enable Children’s Ground to achieve systemic generational change in Mparntwe communities,” she said.

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