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Foundation Barossa and Angaston Medical Centre announces new Scholarship in memory of Dr Ben Baker

Foundation Barossa and Angaston Medical Centre are honoured to announce the establishment of the **Dr Ben Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund**.

The fund will provide annual education scholarships to students that wish to study or are already studying human health. Applicants will need to show academic capacity, financial need and the motivation to succeed.

The scholarship will assist to lessen the financial barriers that may prevent a person from studying in a (human) health related field. This scholarship is open to students and prospective students with a strong connection to the Barossa.

Foundation Barossa has established the fund with \$5000 seed funding from the Angaston Medical Centre Partnership. The Partnership will add \$5,000 every financial year until the fund reaches \$25,000. The fund is also open to public contributions from Dr Baker's friends, colleagues and the Barossa community.

Dr. Adrian Griscti, on behalf of the directors of Angaston Medical Centre said, 'As Ben's friends and business partners, we wanted to perpetuate his memory in a way that would help someone achieve their dream of becoming a health professional. He went on to say, 'we hope that this scholarship will go some way to help alleviate the stress of paying for expenses associated with study.'

Paula Baker, Dr Baker's wife, added "The impact Ben had on his patients and our community is testament to the amazing doctor he was and how much he cared for the people he met each and every day. His smile and laugh was infectious.

This scholarship means a lot to our family. We are so proud of all of Ben's achievements and we hope this can help another doctor or other health professional to build a deep connection to people and community just as Ben did."

Established in 2002, **Foundation Barossa** encourages philanthropy. We aim to nurture and build our community's strength and assets, by responding to challenges and opportunities. We invest all donor funds in perpetuity. Foundation Barossa distributes the interest from these funds each year as grants and scholarships. The capital remains intact, and the giving continues forever.

Applications for the **Dr Ben Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund** open on 1 April 2020 and close on 30 April 2020. Donations can be made via the Foundation Barossa Website at [https://foundationbarossa.org.au/education-scholarships/Dr Ben Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund](https://foundationbarossa.org.au/education-scholarships/Dr%20Ben%20Baker%20Memorial%20Scholarship%20Fund)

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