

JULY CHARITIES

Teatox Australia

The first recipient for the month of July was **The Free the Bears Fund**. The Free the Bears Fund (FBF) is an Australian charitable wildlife-protection organisation. It was started by Mary Hutton, after she watched a documentary in 1993 on bears kept in small cages for bile farming. The Free the Bears Fund supports animal welfare projects in Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam, working with rescued and confiscated Asian black bears, Sun bears, and the Sloth bear.

The Free the Bears fund has rescued over 800 bears and we are so thankful there is an organisation on this planet who cares as much for these beautiful animals as they do. Which is also why we are so happy and proud that we can support this amazing charity!



Meet Sam

With 100% of the donations going directly to the welfare of the bears, we felt that it was a great charity in need of our help! And thanks to you all, we have been able to adopt Sam for 1 year providing him with care, welfare, food, veterinary costs and a rehabilitation programme run by dedicated vets and keepers.

To adopt a bear, or to donate to the Free the Bears Fund, please visit www.freethebears.org.au.



Our second recipient for the month of July is **The Scar Project** who support and raise awareness for breast cancer. Here is a bit of info on the charity, and what they do.

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"The SCAR Project is a series of large-scale portraits of young breast cancer survivors shot by fashion photographer David Jay. Primarily an awareness raising campaign, The SCAR Project puts a raw, unflinching face on early onset breast cancer while paying tribute to the courage and spirit of so many brave young women.

Dedicated to the more than 10,000 women under the age of 40 who will be diagnosed this year alone, The SCAR Project is an exercise in awareness, hope, reflection and healing. The mission is three-fold: raise public consciousness of early-onset breast cancer, raise funds for breast cancer research/outreach programs and help young survivors see their scars, faces, figures and experiences through a new, honest and ultimately empowering lens.

Breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in young women ages 15-40. The SCAR Project participants range from ages 18 to 35, and represent this often overlooked group of young women living with breast cancer. They journey from across America – and the world – to be photographed for The SCAR Project. Nearly 100 so far. The youngest being 18 years old.

Although Jay began shooting The SCAR Project primarily as an awareness raising campaign, he was not prepared for something much more immediate . . . and beautiful: "For these young women, having their portrait taken seems to represent their personal victory over this terrifying disease. It helps them reclaim their femininity, their sexuality, identity and power after having been robbed of such an important part of it. Through these simple pictures, they seem to gain some acceptance of what has happened to them and the strength to move forward with pride."

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Quoted directly from the Scar Project website



Thanks to your help, Teatox Australia has made a large donation to the Scar Project in order to support them and the women they support.

To donate to the Scar Project, visit their website at www.thescarproject.org

Thanks again for allowing us with your help, to make a difference this month.
Much Love - Teatox Australia XXX