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Charlie Teo Foundation fundraising events and coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

Latest Update: 17 March 2020

To all our incredible supporters,

We have made the difficult decision to postpone our two major fundraising events of the year - the Rebel Ball in Sydney on 2 May 2020 and Dine for a Cure Gala in Melbourne on 13 June 2020. This decision is in line with the recent Government health ban on public events.

Postponement

The health and safety of our event guests, supporters and our entire brain cancer community is of the upmost importance to the Charlie Teo Foundation. We have not set any new events dates yet, as the global pandemic is still in early days and is changing rapidly. We want to ensure that we can go ahead with incredible nights of fundraising only when it is safe to do so. We hope this may be later this year. We will continue to monitor and follow Government health advice and orders with respect to public events.

Refunds

For event sponsors and ticket holders, we will of course offer a full refund. If you would instead like to make a fully tax-deductible donation, we would very much appreciate your generous support. We will reach out to you shortly but also feel free to contact us at events@charlieteofoundation.org.au or on (02) 8880 8328 and we can make your preferred arrangements.

Volunteers

To the volunteers who have already so generously given or offered your time to help make these events a success, we sincerely thank you. Your hard work and dedication to brain cancer research is truly appreciated. We could not do it without you.

We will never give up

We want to assure you that whilst there are hard times ahead as the world copes with the coronavirus, we will not give up on brain cancer. It still kills more children in Australia than any other disease and more people in Australia under 40 than any other cancer.

We simply do not accept this and must change it.

Charlie Teo Foundation's low-cost model and responsible level of charity reserves puts us in a strong position to continue our mission through these challenging global times.

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How to show your support

If you would like to still show your support instead of attending an event, you can make a donation online at charlieteofoundation.org.au/donation or contact us at info@charlieteofoundation.org.au or on (02) 8880 8328.

Stay safe and healthy and know that we're still working hard to achieve our ultimate dream - a cure for brain cancer.

Alana Phadke, CEO
Charlie Teo Foundation

Previous update: 12 March 2020

The health and safety of our event guests and supporters is of the upmost importance to the Charlie Teo Foundation. We are following the latest Australian Government advice on COVID-19 with respect to our major fundraising events, including the Rebel Ball in Sydney on 2 May 2020 and Dine for a Cure in Melbourne on 13 June 2020.

At this time our fundraising events are proceeding as planned.

The Australian Government's current COVID-19 advice on public events is set out below. We strongly encourage our event guests to follow this advice.

We will continue to monitor the latest Australian Government advice on COVID-19 in relation to public events and will provide any updates as appropriate.

Thank you for your continued kind and generous support of the Charlie Teo Foundation.

As of 8th March 2020, the AHPPC advises that the risk to the general Australian population from COVID-19 is low, with the majority of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Australia in returned travellers.

At this time the AHPPC consider that public events should proceed, but strongly recommend that people that are unwell with cough or fever or other respiratory symptoms should not attend public events or gatherings. This is particularly so for people who have recently travelled from overseas.

People who have been a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19, or who returned from or transited through a listed higher risk country (www.health.gov.au/covid19-countries), must not attend public gatherings until 14 days after leaving the country or having contact with a confirmed case even if they are completely symptom free. Those undergoing COVID-19 testing also must not attend public gatherings until they have received their results.

It is difficult to predict how the outbreak will evolve in Australia and the situation may change rapidly. When significant community transmission is occurring, social distancing measures such as cancellation of public gatherings will be considered. Australia does not have evidence of significant transmission currently, therefore cancellation of public gatherings – at this time - would not be proportionate nor particularly effective.

The AHPPC is closely monitoring the situation and further advice regarding public events will be provided when necessary.

https://www.health.gov.au/news/australian-health-protection-principal-committee-ahppc-coronavirus-covid-19-statement-on-8-march-2020