

This week marks National Child Protection Week. What better way to acknowledge it than by raising funds to help more and more Australian children in need of support? Actress and presenter Charli Robinson will play Master of Ceremonies at FSG Australia's (FSGA) Inaugural Ball. The pink themed Ball will take place at the trendy QT Gold Coast on 19 September, raising vital funds for children's community programs on the Gold Coast and South East Queensland.

Not for profit community organisation FSGA, provide services to over 2500 individuals and families, to enrich their lives by walking along side them, and by assisting them to live a life of their choice.

FSGA currently offer assistance every month to over 250 local children with a disability, some living with their families, whilst others with a history of being at risk are now living in foster care. However, there are nearly 160,000 children in Queensland with a disability, and FSGA are determined to provide their programs to more young participants.

The funds raised at the event will go towards FSGA's unfunded children's programs including those for; children with disabilities, young carers caring for an adult with a disability, children living in foster care, and children who are deemed at risk.

- - There are 2.7 million unpaid carers in Australia. Over 300,000 are under the age of 24, with 150,000 under 18 (Source www.abs.gov.au).
- - The number of children in Foster Care in Queensland has almost doubled in the past 10 years, with 129,365 children in Foster Care. Yet there are only 4798 Foster Carers (Source: www.aifs.gov.au).

The red carpet affair will be host to guests such as Lady Barbara Hickey, Gold Coast's Councillor Lex Bell, Rob Molhoek MP, and well-known photographer and personality Regina King.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening will be actress and presenter Charli Robinson, who starred in the popular children's program 'Hi-5', and who currently co-hosts the hilarious Gold Coast SeaFM breakfast show alongside Gale and Matt.

Charli commented on the event and asked people on the Gold Coast to join them for the evening;

"I am so proud to be hosting the Inaugural FSGA Ball. FSGA enrich the lives of so many families, and with the generosity of guests on the evening they can continue to support many more members of our community and children who benefit endlessly from their programs. I hope you can join us for a wonderful evening!"

Guests will be welcomed with canapés on arrival, followed by a three-course meal and drinks, and live entertainment throughout the evening.

A top end auction will take place with guests able to bid on luxurious short breaks, bespoke designer furniture, sports memorabilia and much more. FSGA are welcoming any further auction donations to help assist with it's fundraising efforts on the night.

More than 200 people have already bought their tickets for the glamorous black tie evening. It's set to be a night to remember, and one that will make an enormous difference to the lives of children in Queensland.

To book tickets go to www.fsg.org.au and visit the Get Involved page, or email events@fsg.org.au Group bookings are available.

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INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY: If you would like to arrange an interview with CEO, Vicki Batten, please contact Clare Southwell on 0448 720 549.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY: We invite the press to the red carpet opening of the event at 6:30pm. Please let us know if you would like to attend on 0448 720 549.

PHOTO: Photo of Charli Robinson in Pink dress available (highlighting pink children's theme).

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