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## Bobby Goldsmith Foundation celebrates 40 years of care and support for people living with HIV.

This year marks a profound milestone for the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation (BGF) as it commemorates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of unwavering dedication and support for people living with HIV.

Founded in May 1984, BGF has evolved into Australia's oldest HIV charity. From its humble beginnings born from love and solidarity, the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation has remained committed to its mission to empower and uplift people living with HIV. In its four decades, BGF has provided comprehensive care, support services, advocacy and community initiatives in Sydney, throughout New South Wales and South Australia. Their tireless efforts have helped countless individuals to navigate the complexities of living with HIV.

To honour and reflect on this significant milestone, the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation invites friends, supporters and allies to join in a special anniversary celebration at Universal Bar – the site of the former Midnight Shift and the historic birthplace of BGF. Guests will come together for an evening of reflection and remembrance, paying tribute to the legacy of Bobby Goldsmith and all those who have contributed to BGF's remarkable journey.

"As we reflect on 40 years, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who came before us," said Nick Lawson, CEO of the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation. "Your commitment, generosity and love have been instrumental in our efforts to provide compassionate care and support to all living with HIV. We look forward to celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with those who have shaped our history."

The anniversary event promises to be a memorable occasion with special guests, live performances and opportunities to connect with community members and friends of BGF.

For more information about the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and to RSVP, please visit <a href="https://www.bgf.org.au/events">www.bgf.org.au/events</a>



## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Supporting people living with HIV has never been more important. Whilst transmission rates have dropped significantly, HIV is not over for the almost 30, 000 people living with HIV in Australia. Many of the people who BGF support are Long-Term Survivors, the first generation to age with HIV and have complex health and social needs. Now more than ever, they need our support.

## **ABOUT BGF:**

Bobby Goldsmith Foundation is Australia's longest running HIV charity.

Founded in 1984, when a group of friends got together to give their dying mate, Bobby Goldsmith the care he needed in the comfort of his home, BGF has gone on to provide that same individualised care to thousands of Australians.

BGF has been providing in-home care and community support for many years now and we're excited to see this specialised and much needed support made available to a broader demographic.

Every week we're seeing increased people from diverse backgrounds walk through our doors.

Young. Old. Gay. Straight. Bi. Queer. Male. Female. Non-binary. Trans. Every race. Every religion. Many of them isolated, all of them in need of support.

From the first generation to age with HIV, to a diverse new generation of people facing new challenges - we're here to help. For life.

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