

## CASE STUDIES

### Some of our beneficiaries . . .

*After graduating, 26-year-old Daniel Cormack had a burning ambition to work in the film industry.*

Daniel found several work experience positions in the industry but on reaching limits on his credit cards and overdraft he was forced to put his ambition on hold. Three years later Daniel decided to give film production another try and put together financing for a short film called *Amelia and Michael* with actor Anthony Head in the lead role. Although Daniel successfully found funding for the film, he had neglected his own finances and was in dire straits. At this point Daniel approached the CTBF. He was awarded a maintenance grant which helped alleviate his financial worries and allowed him to finish shooting *Amelia and Michael*. Daniel is using his film as a platform to get regular work in the film industry.

*Leanne, who spent 10 years in the industry as a negative cutter, received help to aid her son's development.*

Her son James experiences behavioural problems arising from Asperger's Syndrome. Because of these problems, Leanne chose to teach twelve-year-old James at home and as a consequence has been unable to work. During his home schooling, James showed a strong interest in technology, but not having access to the internet at home was hindering his development. Leanne approached the Fund for help with the cost of a new PC and software, and was awarded a grant towards the purchase of a PC, printer and creative software. James is also interested in creating digital movies and would like a career in this field.

*Diane contacted the fund for help with child care costs.*

Single parent Diane was on sick-leave from her job as a freelance TV broadcast co-ordinator when she first approached the CTBF. Diane wanted to maintain her daughter's regular three days per week childcare at a local nursery but as a freelancer Diane was not entitled to any sick pay. As she continued to make the regular payments she found herself in financial difficulty. She approached the Fund for financial assistance to help with childcare costs while she recovered from illness. Diane's health actually deteriorated and she spent several weeks in hospital. The CTBF provided a grant to cover the costs of childcare until Diane had recovered and was able to look after her daughter.

