



The Alannah  
and Madeline  
Foundation



Keeping children safe from violence

## Fact sheet

### Our history

The Alannah and Madeline Foundation is a national charity protecting children from violence and its devastating impact.

The Foundation was set up in memory of Alannah and Madeline Mikac, aged 6 and 3, who were tragically killed with their mother and 32 others at Port Arthur, Tasmania on 28 April 1996.

We care for children who have experienced or witnessed serious violence. We also run programs that prevent violence and advocate for children's safety and wellbeing. Our vision is that every child will live in a safe and supportive environment.

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Starry Starry Night is The Alannah and Madeline Foundation's major fundraising event – a spectacular gala ball.

Starry Starry Night is one of Australia's most prestigious and high-profile charity events. Now in its 14th year, it has become an institution on the Melbourne charity gala ball calendar.

The event attracts more than 1,000 guests alongside 100 celebrities and entertainment stars, who individually host tables and perform a variety of singing and dancing acts.

The star-studded mix of VIPs, celebrities and guests all coming together to support the work of the Foundation in keeping children safe from violence is what makes this an Australian pinnacle event.

Funds raised from the event directly supports the work of the Foundation which cares for children who have experienced or witnessed violence and runs essential programs that prevent violence in the lives of children.

Last year's event featured spectacular performances from some of Australia's much loved celebrities including Blair McDonough (*Winners & Losers*); Glen Moriarty (*Postcards*); Rob Mills; Miss Universe Australia 2009 Rachael Finch (pictured); Mix 101.1's Ant and Becks; and stars from *Underbelly*, *MasterChef*, *Bondi Rescue* and *Dancing with the Stars*.

In 2011, Starry Starry Night will be held on Saturday, 26 November at Crown Palladium in Melbourne. For more information, visit [amf.org.au/starry](http://amf.org.au/starry) or call 1300 720 747.



*"Wow, what a sensational Starry Starry Night! Quite unbelievable ... as Grant Hackett texted ... 'unequivocally the best charity night in Australia!' The performances, the opening acts, the colour, the glitz ... everything came together so well. The bar was raised higher yet again! And we danced the night away. Our fundraising is made that much easier as our reputation for exceptional work with helping children continues to spread."*

**John Bertrand, Chairman,  
The Alannah and Madeline Foundation**