

## FOUNDATION

FROM LEFT: Dr Susan King (Duke Trust), Jane Schmitt (AMA Queensland Foundation), Colleen Harper (AMA Queensland Foundation) and Lyndall De Marco (Children's Health Foundation).

## DUKE TRUST SUPPORTS KIDS' NEEDS

DOCTORS KEEP WHEELS OF BUS ROLLING

Sullivan Nicolaides Pathology's blood is worth bottling!

The long-time supporter of AMA Queensland Foundation has come to the rescue of Red Hill Special School whose bus was rendered unroadworthy.

SNP chief executive officer and managing partner Dr Michael Harrison recently handed over the keys to a \$75,000 mini-bus specially outfitted with wheelchair hoist and electric retractable steps.

"We didn't need to think twice about the difference this donation would make," Dr Harrison said.

Red Hill Special School has about 50 students aged from five to 17. All have intellectual disabilities and most also have debilitating physical conditions impairing their mobility.

Although a state school, Education Queensland's budget would not cover a replacement vehicle used to transport students to community-based learning in the park, library and shops as well as riding lessons at Moggill.

"Our community-based learning means so much to the students enabling them to develop specific life skills and a sense of independence. It's all about preparing our students for life after school in the big wide world," principal Pam Stack said. "We're just so grateful." SNP has been a regular donor to many charitable causes since its inception in 1956 and has an annual giving budget of more than \$150,000.

Dr Harrison said SNP employees looked forward to helping out on excursion days as part of the business's commitment to corporate responsibility. **Q**  Stan and Maureen Duke Trust representative, radiologist Dr Susan King, recently saw her late parents' wish to keep helping children continue, providing 's the Children's Health Foundation's Lyndall De Marco with funds for the Royal Children's Hospital's rehabilitation unit which was in need of specialised equipment.

AMA Queensland Foundation's Colleen Harper and Jane Schmitt joined Dr King as the unit took receipt of bathing equipment, two high-performance wheelchairs and a surface electromyography (EMG) with biofeedback assisting children with brain injuries causing dysphagia to improve their swallowing. **Q** 

