

THE CONTRIBUTION OF JOHN DAVIES TO JOHN PIERCE CENTRE

John has been a very generous contributor to John Pierce Centre and the Deaf Community, in many ways. He is still a “behind the scenes” contributor in so many ways for which we are very grateful.

He is married to Marianne and they have two sons; one living in Melbourne and one in Sydney. John is also a capable babysitter of his grand children.

He was appointed to the Board of Directors of JPC on 10th March, 1998. John’s expertise is in finance and this has been a most valuable asset to the running of the Centre and helping keep it afloat. He has served on finance sub-committees over the years and always seems to know the right people from whom to obtain donations.

Importantly, John was one of those who liaised with the Archdiocese during the time of refurbishing the de-commissioned church of St Francis Xavier (Prahran) and then negotiating the lease, when we moved from the next door school building to the present building.

He also took on the role of mentoring newly elected directors and was a great help to one of the current directors.

For many years, John was a speaker at the annual deaf appeal in parish churches, in November and always spoke at more than one Mass on the day (sometimes up to 4 Masses)

John is one of three administrators of the Ephpheta Foundation which is a private Foundation set up to support John Pierce Centre and to support other small organizations doing good work. His son Mark is one of the other two administrators. The Foundation is committed to supporting John Pierce Centre.

The Annual Thankyou Party hosted by JPC usually has the help of young people from the Lord Somers’s organization and these people are invited by John to help with the serving of food and refreshments

John retired from the Board in 2010 but still helps in whatever ways possible and is always willing to give advice when asked.

Since then, John has studied Clinical Pastoral Education at Peter MacCallum hospital and now works as a Pastoral Carer in Palliative Care at Cabrini, Prahran.

The Board of Directors believe that John is a worthy recipient of the Directors’ Award for 2015 and we wish you well with your “new” work in the community.

Thankyou, John.