

SOMETHING BORROWED

HELPING FAMILIES BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY

7 April 2017 – Opportunity International Australia said that Something Borrowed, a gala charity ball in Sydney this weekend, is expected to help over one hundred families break the cycle of poverty. The funds raised through Something Borrowed will provide small loans to families in countries such as India, Indonesia and the Philippines, so they can build businesses, earn regular incomes and start their journey out of poverty.

Something Borrowed is being organised by Opportunity Ambassadors Angela Tan and Bec Badcock. The charity ball was meant to be Angela's wedding day but three months ago Angela and her former fiancé decided to end their relationship. Angela wanted to turn an unfortunate situation into a positive by converting her wedding plans into a fundraising event for Opportunity.

Opportunity Chief Executive Officer, Robert Dunn, said: "We are very excited about Something Borrowed as it will give new opportunities and hope to many families living in poverty. Angela has demonstrated great courage and generosity and through her efforts will help bring about positive change in the lives of many others."

Angela is supporting Opportunity because of the sustainability of its approach to poverty reduction.

"My background in finance and economics taught me the value of giving families small loans to build businesses," she explained.

"When the loans are repaid, the funds are recycled and then lent to other families, so more people can benefit.

"That's the reason why I am so passionate about Opportunity and I want to inspire others to support its work," says Angela.

A few years ago, Bec Badcock visited the Philippines to see Opportunity's work on the ground. She hopes to share her insights at Something Borrowed and inspire her guests to take positive action.

"We want to expose our guests to a world they have never known before as many of them have not yet visited a developing country.

"They've never seen or felt what it's like for people to live in poverty.

"I think it's important to expose our guests to the reality of poverty and help them understand how they can make a tangible difference," she added.

To support Angela and Bec's efforts and donate to Opportunity [click here](#).

About Opportunity International Australia

Opportunity International Australia enables you to invest in a mother living in poverty so that she can use a small loan to buy an item like a sewing machine and start a small business. For a family in a developing country who can't afford the basics, a gift as small as \$70 can be life changing. With this hand up, a mother can put food on the table, send her children to school and transform her family's future for generations. Mothers want what is best for their children, and as businesses become successful (98% of Opportunity's loans are repaid), your help means they can make their dreams for their children come true. For more information, visit www.opportunity.org.au

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