



**Manna founder Bev Lowe (centre) with Impact100 representatives Paul and Sophie Chamberlain and Simone Eley and Manna staff member Lyn Snyder** Picture: Marcus Whisson [www.communitypix.com.au](http://www.communitypix.com.au) d390548

# Impact100 funds are heaven sent

MANNA Inc will be able to provide school uniforms to 1000 disadvantaged children with a \$100,000 grant from Impact100 WA, based in Nedlands.

The 16-and-a-half-year-old charity that is the brainchild of Bev and John Lowe – both Medal of the Order of Australia recipients – that runs breakfast and uniform programs at schools in low socio economic areas.

Mrs Lowe said Manna, which means food from heaven, would be able to work with 35 schools next year, up from 28 this year.

She said it was exciting to see a young person's face light up when they received simple items like shoes.

Last year, Manna discovered a talented young basketball player who could not take the court because he

did not have the correct shoes.

The organisation provided basketball shoes and he then joined the team.

Impact100 WA committee member Simone Eley, of Nedlands, said the new charity that was based on an American model had attracted 96 members who donated \$1000 each in its first year.

"They (Manna) are helping kids with basic needs," Mrs Eley said.

"Giving kids uniforms puts them on an equal level with their classmates."

Finalists CANWA, DrugARM WA and Edmund Rice Camps WA received a \$5000 grant each as runners-up.

Impact100 WA is seeking members for 2013.

Visit [www.impact100wa.org.au](http://www.impact100wa.org.au).