



Austcare Expresses Support for Michael Milton

On behalf of Austcare, President the Rt Hon Ian Sinclair AC, has expressed his profound sadness at the news of Michael Milton's current illness.

Mr Sinclair has written to the inspirational athlete after his shock cancer diagnosis to ensure he knows "all of us at Austcare are with you in spirit".

Michael became Austcare's Ambassador for People With Disabilities after his 2005 visit to Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya, where we run a number of programs to assist the 90 thousand people sheltering there.

Since then, Michael has been a tireless and passionate campaigner for Austcare. Despite an incredibly busy personal and training schedule he has continually managed to find time to champion the cause of those less fortunate.

It is a testament to Michael that not only has he helped us with awareness and fundraising campaigns on issues such as landmines and people with a disability, but has also been able to rally other athletes to assist. Whether fronting Austcare's national television campaign, or attending a community sausage sizzle Michael's commitment has been exceptional.

Amongst numerous other activities, Michael was a high profile participant at the launch of Landmine Action Week in April only months after raising thousands of dollars through a charity ride to provide bicycles to mine clearing teams in Cambodia. Until then, the de-miners were forced to walk for several hours just to reach the sites they were working on.

Mr Sinclair is keen to make sure Michael knows "our warmest thoughts are with you, Penni and Matilda".

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