

# Media Release



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## Shining a Light on Carers

Reporter, presenter and TV personality Chris Bath, has joined world-renowned pianist David Helfgott and his wife and carer Gillian Helfgott, to raise awareness of carer issues at an exclusive corporate fundraising event *An Afternoon with the Helfgotts: Shining a Light on Carers*, hosted by Carers NSW.

David and Gillian Helfgott alongside Chris Bath, carers and ticket holders will partake in a conversation about who carers are and their role in the community and in the workplace on Sunday 17 August 2014. The audience will also be treated to an intimate, 20-minute piano recital by David.

Carers NSW CEO, Elena Katrakis said, "We are very fortunate to have been able to team up with such wonderful and talented people for this event. As well as fundraising for a great cause, the afternoon will raise awareness of carers, carer interests in the workplace and the enormous contribution carers make to society."

One of Australia's most loved pianists, David Helfgott is a multi-award winner; he is dubbed as one of the most brilliant pianists, and was the subject of the 1996 Oscar winning film *Shine*.

Alongside the brilliance and enormous talent David has faced many challenges since the 1970s, but he saw the loss of his 'inner music' as his greatest crisis. His wife and devoted carer Gillian Helfgott, along with his passion for music, nurtured the genius back to active life, with David performing to sold-out audiences in Eastern Australia by 1986.

Gillian and David Helfgott are excited about the opportunity to help support approximately 850,000 carers in New South Wales by teaming up with Chris Bath and Carers NSW for the event.

Taking time out from her busy schedule at Network Seven, Chris Bath will lead a conversation with Gillian Helfgott and other carers about the issues carers face.

In 2009 Chris' father suffered a stroke. Witnessing her parents' long journey of rehabilitation, Chris reflected on the lack of coverage of stroke and, as she put it, "the other untold story...the role of the carer".

Corporate staff and employees are invited to share this amazing opportunity, by purchasing tickets from [www.carersnsw.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.carersnsw.eventbrite.com.au)

"It will be a great opportunity for employers to learn about ways in which to best support the many 'hidden' carers in the workplace" Elena Katrakis said.

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