

Giving grows

TWO local giving circles have recently parted with a total of \$170,000 in gifts to charities.

The Meridian Global Foundation has selected three charities as recipients of a total \$50,000 in funding for its 2014 round – AIME, Manna Inc, and Zero2Hero.

AIME is a charity focused on indigenous education, Manna Inc provides food for disadvantaged families and individuals, while Zero2Hero is working to increase youth awareness of mental illness in an effort to prevent suicides.

The Meridian foundation was founded in 2005 by a group of Perth businesspeople, including entrepreneur Marcus Tan.

The 100women giving circle has just completed its first year in operation, having been founded by Alicia Curtis in an effort to increase women's philanthropy.

The aim was to recruit 100 women who would each donate \$1,200 to the fund.

100women distributed grants worth \$120,000 to three recipients at an event last Sunday.