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This year marks the twenty-first anniversary of the formation of the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation.

The arrival at twenty-one was always an important event in the common law. It marked the attainment of a person's majority. It meant that the person was, at last, of full age - an adult, ready to look the world in the eye.

The Bobby Goldsmith Foundation has not had the time to luxuriate in a long gestation or languid adolescence. It was set up in the middle of a great crisis confronting Australia and the world. From the start, it was an intensely idealistic organisation. It still is. However, its watchwords have been practicality and help. Reaching out to help thousands of people. Appealing to millions of fellow Australians so that they will realise that HIV/AIDS is not yet over but affects fellow human beings who need hope and help.

With my partner Johan van Vloten, I am honoured to serve as a Patron of the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation. I commend this *Annual Report* as another illustration of the happy mixture of

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idealism and practicality that has marked the entire life of the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation. I express thanks to Peter Brennan for his service, since relinquished, as President of BGF. I welcome John Robinson into the presidential chair. The work of the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation is continuing. It deserves the support of all citizens of compassion and care.

I acknowledge Bev Lange, the Chief Executive Officer, the other officers, volunteers and supporters. This report tells of their honourable story in the year just past.

Michael Kirby

