



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

I thank you for your continued support of Catholic Charities. This leaflet features stories from the agencies we fund about the work they are currently undertaking in the community to support the vulnerable and disadvantaged.

The continued growth of our me4u schools campaign also highlights the crucial role our schools play in fundraising for Catholic Charities.

It is because of you that Catholic Charities can support the agencies which:

- empower men and women confronting homelessness, domestic violence and mental illness
- provide respite care for adults and young people living with intellectual disabilities
- help members of the Catholic Deaf Community to learn and understand about God and their own faith
- provide dedicated teachers at our two special schools, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's
- reach out to members of our community who may be lonely and welcome them as part of the vibrant Aboriginal Catholic community at the Otherway Centre

Thank you for your generosity. By supporting Catholic Charities, we can ensure that these important works continue to flourish and grow.

In Domino,

+ *Patrick O'Regan*

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Archbishop of Adelaide



Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

Aboriginal people join the wider community every week at the Otherway Centre, Stepney, to laugh, lunch, dance, craft and share stories.



Therein lies the essence of the centre, said Manager John Lochowiak: "It's a place that opens up communication in a way that touches us all."

Home of Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in South Australia, the Centre has become a cultural hub for Centacare, connecting people to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, culture and spirituality – building all-important awareness in the process.

Food parcels for people doing it tough, and toiletry bags for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander hospital patients are packed at the centre where cultural awareness training and other events are held.

In the adjoining St Martin de Porres Chapel, with its striking stained glass windows, Mass is celebrated every Sunday by Fr James McEvoy, bringing together people from all walks of life and backgrounds.

SA Catholic Deaf Community



Jo and Steph enjoy catching up with Majella O'Sullivan rsj (Pastoral Associate) to share a cuppa and a chat, Jo said.

"I am 92. My family lives in Sydney. I don't get out much. I don't drive. It has been hard during COVID. It is good having Majella visit. We go out for

coffee and lunch. She takes me to visit my friend Steph. Majella helps interpret at my doctor's appointments. She helped me register for My Aged Care."

The Deaf Community members love to meet each other. So there is a need for the Pastoral Associate to meet with members. With the generous help from Catholic Charities, it enables the needs of the Catholic Deaf Community, like Jo and Steph, to be addressed.



I would like to support the Catholic Charities Appeal and its agencies in their work.

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Centacare Catholic Family Services

The generosity of Catholic Charities is helping Centacare to support at-risk women and young families in South Australia as the complexity of client cases continues to grow in the wake of COVID-19.

Over the past year, demand for support has doubled across Centacare's specialist domestic violence services in the South East, Riverland, Murray Mallee and Adelaide Hills.

The funding boost has enabled greater flexibility, innovation and creativity in responding to the individual needs of women facing heightened levels of abuse.

It costs Centacare about \$350 to keep a family safe each night including accommodation and food, transport, essential clothing, health, and personal expenses.

"Clients' basic needs are higher than usual," said Angela Avery, Manager, Riverland Domestic Violence Service. "We have seen a rise in sexual assaults and alcohol use by perpetrators."

Through the Young Family Support Program (YFSP), Centacare continues to work with pregnant or parenting women aged under 25 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

The support of Catholic Charities enables staff to assist young mums to set goals, re-engage in education, develop independent living and parenting skills, and transition into long-term housing.

"Parenting is filled with rewards and challenges at the best of times, but parenting with limited positive supports creates additional challenges," said Anthea Francis, Manager, Coollock House.

"The support of Catholic Charities assists the YFSP to nurture the strength and resilience of young mums who are learning to parent on the back of complex challenges."



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Our Lady of La Vang School

Thanks to Catholic Charities, Our Lady of La Vang has established a library hub for students to come and enjoy reading in a quiet space. The funding from Catholic Charities enabled us to have bookshelves designed and made to suit our space and accessible to all. Books have been donated, purchased and are now attractively displayed.



Our ottomans have been re-covered thanks to the creativity of Emmi Rowe, our Deputy's mum. It is another way that we are connecting literacy to the world of our students.

St Patrick's Special School

Good communication skills are essential to allow others and yourself to understand information more accurately and quickly with poor communication skills often leading to frequent misunderstanding and frustration.

Recently, with the support of Catholic Charities, St Patrick's Special School was lucky enough to update a number of communication devices. This came through the purchase of new iPads and of Proloquo2go, an application that enables quick and effective



communication for non-verbal individuals. This gift is one that continues to build on the independence and capacity of our students to be successful in a number of new and exciting environments!

Hutt St Centre



Your kindness gives hope to people like Hannah. Hannah* became homeless after experiencing significant trauma. Her life was turned upside down when she escaped domestic violence and her two children were taken into care.

As a young woman, alone on the streets, Hannah was terrified. She remembers how cold it was in winter – wearing wet clothes and trying to nap on the concrete without even a blanket.

Thankfully, Hannah found Hutt St Centre and her journey out of homelessness began with a nourishing meal, a hot shower and access to emergency accommodation. She was also connected with specialist healthcare and learned skills like cooking healthy meals for her children.

Hannah now has a permanent home and has been reunited with her family. "For the first time in my life it feels like home. It's a safe haven for both myself and my children," she said.



Thanks to the generosity of people who support Hutt St Centre through Catholic Charities, we can continue helping people like Hannah to rebuild their lives. (* Name and image changed to protect the person who has kindly allowed us to share their story)



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