

AUTUMN 2019

## Thank you for your support during our Christmas Appeal

At Christmas time we spoke to you about Hannah\* and her two children. A victim of family and domestic violence, Hannah and her children found themselves with no clothes, no money and no home.

Fortunately, Hannah met a counsellor at Anglicare WA who supported her through this challenging time, helping to access vital crisis accommodation, counselling and the practical assistance that her family so urgently needed.

Thanks to your generous support Hannah and her family are rebuilding their lives. Now in long term accommodation, Hannah has a stable job and her children are back in school. From stark beginnings, they are now well and truly on their journey to thriving.



It is because of loyal donors like you that our services can continue to change the lives of people in our community.

**Thank you for your donations to our Christmas Appeal! All funds received will support stopping domestic violence.**



## Hawaiian Giving Box Campaign

More than 11,000 gifts made a significant difference to families in need this Christmas. For six years Anglicare WA and Foodbank WA have partnered with Hawaiian Shopping Centres as part of the Giving Box Christmas campaign.

The WA community generously donated items that brought significant relief thus reducing the stress on families who desperately needed items of clothing, household products, gifts for their children and stationery for school lists.

Our heartfelt thanks to Hawaiian for leading the campaign, Foodbank WA for their support and Toll Group for generously distributing items to children and families, from the North West to the Great Southern.

We also want to thank the 127 volunteers who supported this campaign with gift wrapping and sorting.





**Mark Glasson**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Anglicare WA

### Letter from our CEO

Now more than ever before in WA, the most vulnerable in our community need courageous advocacy on their behalf to ensure they're not forgotten.

For more than two decades, Anglicare WA has been the voice for the voiceless, as our long-serving CEO Ian Carter AM fearlessly spoke out on their behalf. Ian ensured politicians across the political divide, business and community leaders and the media didn't overlook their plight.

As you will be aware, Ian has recently stepped down as CEO. He leaves an incredible legacy at Anglicare WA; a legacy I am determined to build upon. We will continue to unrelentingly advocate for people experiencing homelessness, disadvantage and trauma.

However, this is something we can't do alone. I believe the answer lies with all Western Australians. Change is only possible when the community works together to support those in need.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Anglicare WA. I look forward to connecting with you in the coming weeks, months and years and together we can lead the way in transforming lives of the most vulnerable.

### Home Stretch Campaign

On any given night in WA, more than 3,000 people under the age of 25 experience homelessness. Of those young people, 2 out of 3 had lived in State Care.

Unlike many other young people who can continue to live at home until they're ready to fly the coop (and return home if need be), those in State Care are expected to make their own way the moment they turn 18.

Anglicare WA is part of Home Stretch, a national initiative aimed at increasing the State Care leaving age to 21. In a positive breakthrough, the State Government announced last year that it will work with us to trial the idea here in WA!

Since then we have workshoped ideas for a pilot program with the Department of Communities, UWA's Centre for Social Impact and other sector agencies. Our final concepts will be presented to the State Government soon, with the trial likely to begin in the first half of 2019.



### Hear from our staff

December 2018 marked the 35th Anniversary of Anglicare WA's financial counselling services across our State. We have incredibly passionate staff working in our communities to help individuals and families through any financial problems they may be experiencing.

One such person is Bob Matthews, a Financial Counsellor from our Katanning office who won the prestigious 2018 Houdini Award, presented by the Financial Counselling Association of WA. The Houdini Award recognises staff who have helped clients out of a difficult situation and to escape crisis.

Bob shared that, "It's great working in Katanning to support individuals and families struggling with financial issues. It is a privilege to hear client stories and to be able to provide essential financial literacy that can have a profound effect on someone's independence and create a life-changing impact."

### Meet a valued supporter

We would like to introduce you to Felicia Brady! Felicia is a valued and long term supporter of Anglicare WA. Her involvement began through her parents, Geoff & Marleen, where she was introduced to the pleasure of giving to those in need from an early age. In 2018, Felicia joined our Winter Appeal Committee, a group of business and professional people that come together each winter to rally support for Anglicare WA and our community. Prior to this Felicia fundraised for an air conditioning unit for the Albany Women's Centre to improve the overall well-being of women and their children escaping family and domestic violence.

Felicia shared, "I am a passionate advocate for equality and social justice. I strongly believe in the work of Anglicare WA to support those less fortunate. A family tradition has been to provide Christmas donations to support families in particular hardship at one of the most stressful times of the year. The incredible impact that a small donation makes to these families going through heartbreaking circumstances is something my children and I reflect on each year."



### Your thoughts: Supporter Survey 2018 Results

An enormous thank you to everyone who participated in our 2018 Supporter Survey! We are always happy to listen to your thoughts, feelings or recommendations. Here is some of your feedback:

The services that you're most interested to learn about are:

- **Housing & Homelessness**
- **Family & Domestic Violence** and
- **Youth Services**

"Keep up the great work changing lives in the name of Jesus!"

— Belinda Officer

"I trust Anglicare WA to do the best they can with my donation knowing that there will never be enough!"

— Katherine Mathwin

"Anglicare WA has a long history of responsible assistance to those in need, widening their services as the needs arise including to regional WA I am very proud of what Anglicare WA achieves without great fanfare."

— Bridget Faye AM

## Share the Benefit

Share the Benefit is a unique opportunity for Christians to grow their compassion and understanding of people living in poverty.

Share the Benefit is a four-week experience, held over Lent, involving a series of bible studies and activities centred on what it would be like to experience poverty in your own community.

It is a powerful way for participants to share the restrictions experienced by many people living in poverty, as they accept the challenge to live 'on the benefit' for one week.

All funds raised through this study go to Anglicare WA's Crisis Fund which supports people experiencing financial crisis and hardship across the State.

Join the Archbishop, Kay Goldsworthy and take part in Share the Benefit, for more information please visit our website [anglicarewa.org.au/sharethebenefit](http://anglicarewa.org.au/sharethebenefit)



## Anglicare WA's Church Community Fund

We are excited to launch Anglicare WA's Church Community Fund which has been established to support Anglican churches as they work to reach out to their local community.

**Grants of up to \$1,000 are available to support at least 50 churches over 2019 to carry out local community engagement and development projects.**

If your Church would like to apply for a grant please visit our website [anglicarewa.org.au/churchfund](http://anglicarewa.org.au/churchfund)

## Points for Reflection

Please keep these concerns in your thoughts and prayers over the coming months:

- ♥ Those individuals, families and communities who are vulnerable. That they might find the dignity and courage that is theirs by right.
- ♥ Anglicare WA's wide ranging and creative responses to social disadvantage. That these many initiatives may be sustained through philanthropic and government support.
- ♥ Grateful thanks for the remarkable contribution Ian Carter AM has made to our Western Australian community and ongoing support for Mark Glasson as he leads Anglicare WA in our important work as the new CEO.

\*Names changed to protect the privacy of those involved.

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