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"to flourish or thrive in your life"



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Helping people rise in 2018

Anglicare WA faces 2018 with confidence, knowing we have the means and determination to make a real difference to the Western Australian community. Through innovative approaches to service delivery and with the support of our generous donors, we know we can make a greater impact and help people rise above tough times.

While many people in our community are faced with increasing challenges, we continue to find new ways to bring about change which has resulted in us successfully taking on new projects and working alongside other service organisations to achieve better outcomes in local communities.

Your support has made a real difference to the work we do and the people we help. Thank you.

ANGELS RISING DINNER *in the* CATHEDRAL

Our **Angels Rising, Dinner in the Cathedral** fundraising event last November was a great success. More than 250 guests, sponsors and donors came along to support *Young Hearts*, our domestic violence counselling program for children. Auction bids, raffles and ticket sales were generous enough to boost the program's operation.

Along with regular donations, a significant commitment from Austal and a grant from the Channel 7 Telethon Trust, mean that *Young Hearts* can reopen in Mandurah, while the Rockingham service can go to full-time operation. Appointments will now occur five days per week with group programs every school term. Waiting lists for children in need will be greatly reduced.

Young Hearts receives no government funding and relies on the support from those such as Austal and Telethon and philanthropic donations. Further donations will allow the service to expand its capabilities and help more young people experiencing family and domestic violence.

Details of our 2018 Angels Rising are coming soon.



Pilbara headspace

The Federal Government has committed \$2.3 million to establishing *headspace* in the Pilbara. *headspace* is a national mental health service, supporting a diverse group of young people with wrap-around support focused on mental health, drug and alcohol issues, and vocational support.

We were successful in our bid to develop a new trial *headspace* approach to the Pilbara Region, and to lead a consortium to provide this service using a unique mobile outreach model. The vastness of the Pilbara meant an innovative approach to the *headspace* service was necessary and as a result, a pilot program of the proposed model by Anglicare WA is now getting underway.

Hawaiian Gift Giving

Once again we were generously supported by property group, Hawaiian, which helped us collect donated gifts from several Perth shopping centres in the lead up to Christmas.

The Hawaiian Gift Giving Boxes at popular shopping centres attracted an amazing 8,500 toys, gifts and clothing items which we distributed to underprivileged families. Beneficiaries also included the Albany Women's Refuge and WA Police working with families.



HBF Run for a Reason – Run for Street Connect

Do you know someone who'd like to run for fun, fitness or fundraising? The 2018 HBF Run for a Reason is happening in Perth on Sunday 27 May. The run has different courses including a 4km, 12km and a half-marathon.

All runners raise funds for nominated causes and we'd love to see a team out there for us to support Street Connect! To learn more visit anglicarewa.org.au or call our Fundraising team: 9263 2091.

Street Appeal #tiles4change

Just before Christmas, we took to the busy shopping streets of Perth's CBD to draw attention to our seasonal appeal.

Our interactive billboard in Forrest Chase urged people to think about domestic violence, which spikes over this period, making Christmas miserable for many women and children.

By making a small donation, shoppers were able to 'change' the image on the billboard from sad to happy, and metaphorically illustrate that everyone can make a difference.

The appeal was supported by our partners Nova 93.7, Hawaiian, The Brand Agency and Carat Media.



Foyer Oxford

Our youth housing, Foyer Oxford in Leederville, continues to achieve great outcomes. Recent results found that in 2016-17 all young people exiting Foyer after a two year stay had moved into long term accommodation for themselves.

Since the project opened in 2014, Foyer Oxford has provided accommodation to over 360 young people, with 89 percent of these residents ultimately leaving the service for positive, long term accommodation. Some 85 percent say they had improved independent living skills by the time they move on.

Foyer Oxford has 98 apartments for young people, including 24 for young parents and their children. In return for a two year stay, young people sign the 'Foyer Deal' where they commit to connecting with employment and training, looking after their apartment and being a positive community member.

Donations to Foyer Oxford have assisted the facility in purchasing kitchen starter packs, bedding, recreation projects, and new training opportunities through local partnerships.

Valued Volunteers

We continue to be grateful for the support of our volunteers throughout the year. One in particular is Liz Gordon. While on her personal Long Service Leave, Liz drove more than 500kms over three days to deliver Christmas donations while the Toll Group helped us in regional Western Australia. What a massive effort!

Other valuable volunteers helped with our gift wrapping at Claremont Quarter and many more helped at our Angels Rising event and Christmas Street Appeal in Forrest Chase. All around the State, more than 300 volunteers gave their time, skills and compassion to help those in need. If you'd like to learn more about volunteering, email volunteering@anglicarewa.org.au or call 9263 2109.



School Ambassadors pack it for Street Connect

Many Anglican schools support our Street Connect program with it being the main beneficiary of our School Ambassador's program. Street Connect is our mobile youth homelessness outreach service which offers support and counselling to young people on the streets, struggling with personal issues.

Schools contributed by producing care packs for young people aged 15-25. They included items such as toiletries, sunglasses, headphones, drink bottles, treats and shopping vouchers. Each was designed to bring some Christmas cheer.

Street Connect receives no government funding and is sustained only by public donations. Further donations will allow Street Connect to expand its reach and help it to meet the increasing demand on the service.

Bequests

We were very fortunate in 2017 to have received several bequests from supporters. By leaving a gift to Anglicare WA in their Will, these donors extended a helping hand to future generations by supporting struggling families, victims of abuse, the homeless and more. Their compassion will live on through the work of Anglicare WA.

It's easy to leave a gift or bequest and you can choose which type of bequest suits your circumstances.

If you would like to explore this, please get in touch with our Bequests Supervisor for an informal chat. Telephone 9263 2091 or bequests@anglicarewa.org.au

Award for social worker

In October last year, Lynn Crasto, a social worker from our Street Connect program was recognised by the WA Youth Awards as the Minister for Youth's Most Outstanding Youth Worker for 2017.

After graduating from Edith Cowan University's Youth Work Studies in 2005, Lynn began his career assisting highly marginalised and disengaged young people. Lynn's award win is testament to his passion and dedication towards making a difference to the lives of Perth's homeless and at risk youth.





Commonwealth Grant for homeless employment

In February last year, Anglicare WA received almost \$900,000 from the Commonwealth to trial 'Designing for an Independent Future' to help 100 young homeless people in their journey towards employment.

Using Human Centred Design, this innovative approach to tackling a complex issue is being done in conjunction with Edith Cowan University. The Design stage of the program is nearing its finish, and the practical application of its findings will roll out shortly.

Anglicare WA is determined for this to make a positive difference to many homeless youth.

Adult Justice Services

From April this year in partnership with Communicare, Anglicare WA will be providing family and domestic violence services across the State for the Department of Justice. These services will be provided to people who have been court-ordered to attend counselling following incidents of family and domestic violence.

Anglicare WA will be the lead agency in the Kimberley, Pilbara, Goldfields and Gascoyne and will subcontract

Communicare to deliver services in Geraldton. In the metropolitan area we will be subcontracted by Communicare to deliver this service through Mandurah, Joondalup and Midland.

We will use our 'Connect and Respect' Men's Behaviour Change model, and will include 24 weeks of men's group sessions. Participants will be streamed into additional supports as necessary where substance use is linked to their offending.

Leeuwin Ocean Adventure

In February, Corrina Smart (21) joined the tall sailing ship Leeuwin at Fremantle for four nights and five days of nautical adventure off the Western Australian coast. Corrina was among 24 other young people with a disability as part of the 2018 Leeuwin Ocean Adventure. All on board had to help with rigging, navigation and night watch as part of this leadership and character building experience.

Corrina is supported by the Anglicare WA Bridges program, and was excited to be among the chosen sailors. Now back on land, she is keen to find work in horticulture which has long been an interest.



Survey coming soon

We will soon be undertaking our annual survey of supporters and donors

In this way we can hear from you directly as to what information you'd most like to receive from us and what your preferred method of communication is. Please keep an eye out for the survey which helps us tailor our information to you to keep you up to date with our activities and show you how your support is helping us make a difference in the Western Australian community.



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