

Christmas Angels

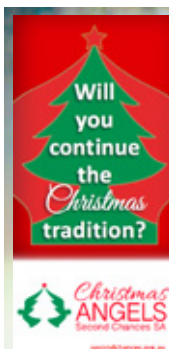


Will
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Christmas is Coming

Christmas Angels is easily one of the most exciting events on our calendar each and every year! Every Christmas we purchase and deliver presents for over 500 children with a parent in prison. Your donation to **Christmas Angels** provides a child with two brand new, beautifully wrapped presents – all for just \$35 per child. To get the word out there about the importance of this special program, we have teamed up with our Ambassador, **Henry Olonga** to create a one minute video. Check it out by searching '**Second Chances SA**' on YouTube or by simply emailing or calling to request a DVD to screen at your church or community group.



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Good Governance Changing Lives

You may not think it's important but the ACNC does. Yes the **Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission** has our first completed audit online. Our inaugural AGM was held 24 September and after 20 months of operations we are up and running well. Thanks to all our committed donors, supporting Trusts, Foundations, Churches and Service Clubs who understand the importance of a 'second chance' in life. In addition, we would not be telling our story without outstanding volunteers who work tirelessly at our Op Shop in Sturt and Furniture Warehouse in Richmond. Good governance and great goals give us the focus to see the vision of changed lives realised.

Growth always has opportunities and we can report we've presented a proposal to Minister Peter Malinauskas to reduce

recidivism by 10% by 2020. We hope the recommendations accepted by the Minister from the Strategic Advisory Panel will be about **changing lives for the long term and not just reducing prison numbers**. South Australia needs a correction system where hope can be restored and broken lives can experience a positive and fulfilling future beyond crime.



Gratefully yours,

Helen Glanville
Chief Executive

Celebrating 9 Years of Second Chances Op Shop

On Friday, 21 October, **Second Chances Op Shop** celebrated nine years since opening to the public for the first time in 2007. Since then, **over 45,000 volunteer hours** have been invested into keeping the Sturt store running six days a week. From the beginning, **Di Whyte** has been managing the shop and after nine years dedicated service will be retiring at the end of this year. *'Every single minute has been worth it,'* says Di. *'It's been both fun and hard work and I've made a lot of great friendships here. It's been a joy to help support the work of Second Chances SA and I simply couldn't have done it without my wonderful roster of 25 hard-working volunteers.'* From all of us Di – we say thank you!

Beginning this year, **Sue Rice** has been doing a fantastic job co-managing the Op Shop three days a week. In Di's absence, there is now a vacancy for a **Volunteer Co-Manager** for the other three days a week. If you are excited about retail, customer service and working as part of a volunteer team, call **Helen** at 8272 0323 to find out more. Some small remuneration is provided.



Furniture Warehouse Seeking Volunteer Truck Drivers

Second Chances Furniture Warehouse is looking for more **Volunteer Light Truck/Van Drivers** to assist with delivering and collecting furniture. Applicants need to be over 25 years old and hold a full regular driver's licence. Some level of physical fitness is required as the role involves some lifting and carrying of furniture (appropriate lifting equipment is provided). To apply, contact **Liam** at 8352 7722.

Second Chances Furniture Warehouse: 131 Richmond Road, Richmond SA.



Restoring Hope

Cassie's Big Day

Cassie is a six year old little girl with a big Sunday ahead of her. She and her Mum will be visiting her Dad in Cadell Training Centre for the annual Christmas Family Day.

For Cassie and many other prisoner's children just like her, travelling to Cadell is a tiresome trip. A contracted bus is tasked in taking Cassie, her Mum and many other families to Cadell which is more than a two hour journey each way.

After arriving at the Training Centre, everyone lines up for their security checks. They are then escorted to place their personal belongings in a secure locker.

As soon as she gets out onto the grassy visiting area, Cassie excitedly makes a mad dash into the arms of her Dad – Cassie's special day can now begin.

After lunch everyone's attention is soon drawn to a corner of the lawns where the local CFS Brigade is waiting to give a demonstration of how to fight different types of fires. Some of the Brigade members are prisoners being usefully trained to provide a valuable community service. The fire engines leave but soon return – sirens wailing – and who is on board the truck? Santa himself! What excitement for the children!

As Cassie and her parents find themselves a picnic table to settle at, Cassie's Dad is able to give Cassie her two presents, kindly provided by donations from generous donors to **Second Chances SA**.

The face painting, bouncy castle and carousel rides continue until reluctantly it's time to say goodbye to Dad and return with Mum to the bus for the long journey home.

Many of us don't realise how difficult it is for little children at this time of the year. It's not a 'normal' day when seeing a parent just for a few hours is such a highlight.

Cassie will probably sleep on the return bus ride – she has had an exciting but exhausting day and there is no doubt she is very happy to have seen her Dad again. A special day like this only comes once a year.

Thanks to **Christmas Angels**, we can continue to bring joy to children like Cassie! And these activities continue to retain family bonds which are fragile during times of separation from loved ones.



Keeping the Team Together



Our advocacy for prisoner's kids (PKs) is not just for them but now also for our wonderful **PK Family Care Team** (pictured) who visit and support 154 struggling families. We are in a process of meeting with government Ministers to keep our team operational. They help to keep PKs in school so they can finish. Many times when dad or mum goes to prison the grades go down, they are unsettled and start to truant. School teachers call us for help, to give them every reason to complete their education and not fall behind.

We can announce a funding body has agreed to provide the funds for our Team Leader **Mel Eckert** to 'tread water' from 1 January to 30 June to 'hold the fort' but we continue to advocate for the rest of the team. The pilot project is no longer a pilot. **It is a necessity!** No one is putting early intervention crime prevention into practice for these most vulnerable and most likely candidates for the next generation of prisoners.

We've approached both State and Federal politicians and we await the outcome of our efforts. There are no guarantees but we are knocking on doors to plead the case of the voiceless. No level of government, Federal, State or Local collect or keep records of who and where PKs live. Not every prisoner is asked if they are responsible for dependents on their admission to prison. So who knows where or how PKs cope if a single parent is taken into custody? We continue to champion the cause and will keep you informed of our progress.

Cherith Joins SCSA Team



In September, **Cherith Harvey** officially joined the **Second Chances SA** team as **PK Diversion Worker** thanks to a State government grant made available through public voting via the Fund My Community initiative. Cherith is currently studying her Masters of Social Work. She has experience leading camps with both PK Mentoring Camps and Scripture Union SA.

Adelaide Women's Prison Netball

The **Para Vista Lutheran Netball Team** has resumed playing fortnightly netball games at the Adelaide Women's Prison during daylight savings hours. The games not only promote physical wellbeing and teamwork but also provide a means of building and maintaining positive relationships with the prisoners. Special thanks to the extended Fielke family who help make this happen!



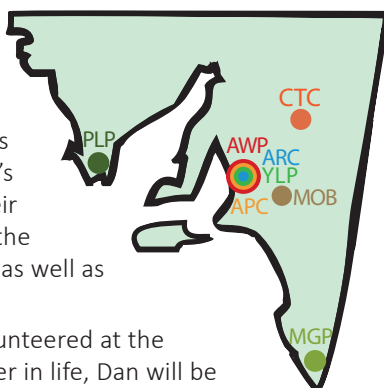
Volunteers make a Difference Behind Bars



Week after week, our **twelve in-prison volunteers** offer up their time and energy to provide practical and emotional support to prisoners throughout seven of our State's nine major prisons. During their visits, our volunteers support the

prisoners with banking assistance, property storage as well as friendship and mentoring.

For the past six years, **Dan Aubrey** has faithfully volunteered at the Adelaide Remand Centre. As he begins a new chapter in life, Dan will be stepping down from his volunteering duties. Thankyou for all your great work Dan! We're always in need of more in-prison volunteers. If you have a heart to serve prisoners, contact Helen at 8272 0323 or simply download a volunteer application from our 'Get Involved' page at secondchances.org.au.



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