

Grandmas Rescue Kids



grandchildren a brighter future. “These grandmas take on a lot of responsibility and a lot of hardship simply because they care,” Mel adds.

Mel and the team have recently begun supporting Margaret*, a grandma who has been sole carer to her primary school aged granddaughter for the past eighteen months. Margaret has recently returned to the workforce to cover the extra costs of supporting her granddaughter. Mel and her team have been able to come along side Margaret where they can because for grandmas like Margaret every little bit of support helps. For the PK Family Care Team, having the capacity and resources to offer grandmas and other struggling PK families really does make a tangible difference.

When a parent goes to prison – what happens to their children? Sometimes there is the other parent, sometimes extended family take on guardianship, sometimes State care has to get involved. Thank God there are grandmas who step in and save their grandkids. Our **PK Family Care Team (PKFCT)** supports **40 grandmas** who are sole carers for a total of **54 grandchildren**.

Mel Ekert, Team Leader, poses the question: “How would you feel if you had to begin parenting again in your 50s or 60s?” Mel acknowledges that the guardian grandmas she works with are sacrificing their ‘golden years’ to give their



New Furniture Warehouse Opens!



On Monday September 5, we celebrated the official opening of our brand new **Second Chances Furniture Warehouse** property. Special guest **Hayley Mills**, Executive Director of Community Corrections, cut the gold ribbon, marking the official opening of the Richmond Road location.



Pop down and check it out for yourself:
131 Richmond Road, Richmond (Ph: 8352 7722).

Special thanks to **Crowies Paints** for donating over \$1,100 worth of paint and supplies to renovate our new **Furniture Warehouse** premises.

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Keeping them out of Detention in SA

We are the only agency in South Australia which has taken a particular interest in the harmful impact of imprisonment of their mum or dad (or both), on children of prisoners. In 2008 we installed our first Children and Family Worker and since then have visited PKs (Prisoner's Kids) in their homes on a weekly basis giving practical support and encouragement to complete their schooling, stay out of trouble and consider a vision and plan for their own lives.

Under a Special Youth Grant, the Government commenced a pilot program with us in January 2014 called the **PK Family Care Team** (four staff).

We have built extensive networks of support for our PKs keeping them out of detention. We recently engaged a research group called Nova Smart Solutions who produced an **Evidence Based review** of our holistic work with families of prisoners titled: **Prisoner's Kids: The Invisible Victims of Crime**.

I believe this report makes a strong case for the continued funding of the pilot project to benefit PKs in SA and divert them from their own probable journey of crime and imprisonment. **Funding for the current pilot project is due to finish December 2016.**

The project for which we seek funding from the Attorney-General holds out the prospect of real benefits for the children of prisoners for decades to come. It will benefit PKs and their families by diverting them from criminal and anti-social behaviours. It will benefit South Australian Communities where PKs live. It will benefit their capacity to complete basic education, choose a crime free vocation and prevent increased victimisation.

The end result of our pilot project is it makes sense for us to continue the work we've begun otherwise hundreds of PKs will be left to their own devices for survival, leaving them vulnerable and without supports which they need to choose good pathways and stay out of detention.



Gratefully yours,

Helen Glanville
Chief Executive

The Invisible Victims of Crime

In July, we officially released **Prisoner's Kids: The Invisible Victims of Crime**, an evidence-based report on the importance of a holistic approach to crime. Prepared by Nova Smart Solutions, the report highlights the importance of addressing the unique needs of prisoner's kids and diverting them from intergenerational crime via projects specifically tailored to their needs such as our **PK Mentoring Camps** and **PK Family Care Team**.

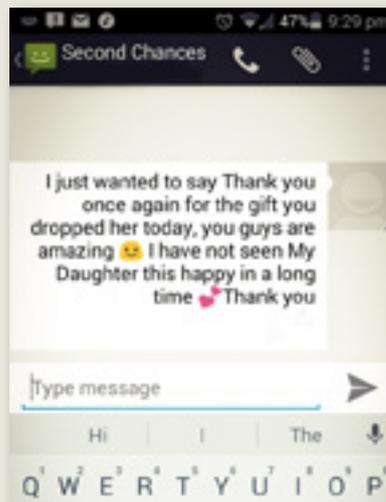
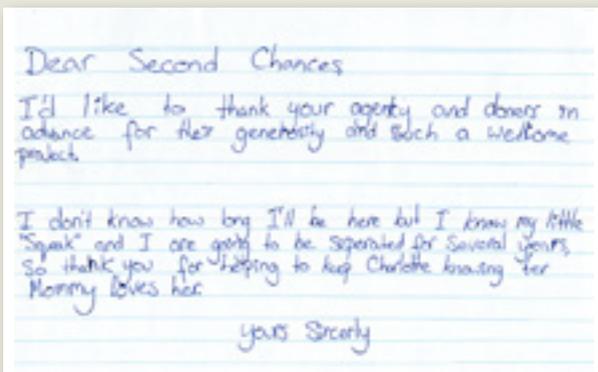


Key findings from **Prisoner's Kids: The Invisible Victims of Crime**:

- "...imprisoning a parent increases the likelihood of their children becoming incarcerated by up to six times."
- "PKs remain largely invisible and do not feature as a priority for government policy and statutory welfare bodies."
- International research shows "social programs targeted to support PKs has a positive impact in their lives and a very high return."

If you would like to request a copy of **Prisoner's Kids: The Invisible Victims of Crime**, please email office@secondchances.org.au or call 8272 0323.

"Thank you"



Prison is a dark place - even on a good day. But this darkness serves to amplify any kindness which find their way through to us. A kind word or an act of support in this place is worth 100 acts of kindness on the outside. So... thank you. What you and Second Chances are doing really matters

Restoring Hope

Volunteer Video Goes Viral

Earlier this year, **Second Chances SA** was one of a handful of charities chosen for the 2016 Community Voices program, run by The Office of Volunteers and Flinder's University Screen and Media. Working with a team of student filmmakers, we produced a brand new 30 second advertisement highlighting the importance of the work we do with PKs. The program also included a social media campaign budget which brought in 87,000 video views and brought Second Chances SA's Facebook page to over 1,100 likes.



Have you liked us yet?  Find us on Facebook at **Second Chances SA**.

Julian Joins Us



With a background in marketing and film production, we are very excited to announce the newest member of the **Second Chances SA** Board, **Julian Grobler**. Julian currently works at Deloitte whilst also co-running **Three Kings Pictures**, a local production company. He is passionate about bringing his creativity, enthusiasm and wealth of marketing knowledge to build public awareness of what we do. Born in South Africa, Julian currently lives in Adelaide with his wife, Lydia. Welcome to the family Julian.

A Busy Winter for our Teen Boys



It's been a busy season for our teen boys at **PK Mentoring Camps**. In April, our senior teen boys spent a weekend in Orroroo, mountain biking and caving. The junior teen boys then trekked off to the Coorong for a weekend of kayaking, camping, and bonding. Our PK Mentoring Camps for teen boys focus on teaching respect for leadership, team work skills and the importance of positive mateship.

Special thanks to our camp sponsors:
Rotary Regency Park, The Boys Brigade,
and **Morialta Trust.**



