

One Family at a Time

They say it takes a village to raise a child. At Second Chances SA we take that one step further. We know it takes a whole community to help create lasting change in the lives of vulnerable and struggling families.

We recently came into contact with Linda*, a young mother with four young children in her care and an ex-partner in prison. Mel from **PK Family Care** met Linda and her children just as they were moving into their new home after six months of homelessness. Although the family were excited to have a stable roof over their heads and a place to call home – they were moving into a completely empty

house with nothing to call their own.

With financial support from **Wyatt Trust**, Mel arranged a **Second Chances Furniture Warehouse** furniture package. With this the **Furniture Warehouse** team delivered and decked out the house with beds, couches, tables, chairs, whitegoods and everything a home needs – all whilst Linda recuperated in hospital from the birth of her newborn daughter.

Second Chances Op Shop provided the family with a home support package including sheets, towels, kitchenware and bric-a-brac. **Shaftesbury Foundation** financed cleaning products for the new home. Without **PK Family Care** and a mammoth community effort – this

Second Chances Furniture Warehouse

We urgently need more good-quality furniture so we can continue to support those who need it most.

High priority items include:

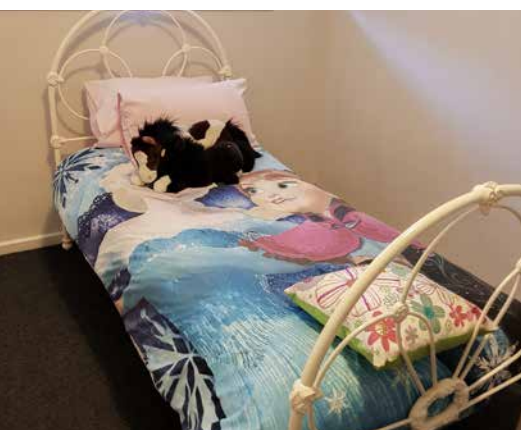
- Fridges and Freezers
- Washing machines
- Small dining table sets
- Double beds with mattresses

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vulnerable family may have easily continued struggling in homeless silence.

With Linda's two eldest children preparing to start a new school year, Mel arranged for new school uniforms, funded by the **City of Playford** – another necessary life expense Linda wasn't sure how she was going to meet.

For Linda, it's been overwhelming at times dealing with an ex-partner in prison, struggling with finances and caring for four children on her own. Through PK Family Care and the support provided by the Second Chances SA team, we are restoring hope – one family at a time.



Partnering with Community Corrections

In July 2017, Second Chances SA was approached by **Edwardstown Community Corrections (ECC)** as a partner in their Special Needs Program for individuals on Home Detention or serving community service hours. Every Wednesday, **Second Chances Op Shop** send through a delivery of newly arrived clothing and bric-a-brac donations to ECC. Participants in the program then sort and quality check the donations before folding and returning the stock to **Second Chances Op Shop** – ready for sale.

Paul, Special Needs Program Coordinator at ECC says, "We're always looking for purposeful work for our clients. Linking with Second Chances SA gives our clients meaningful work and also allows them the chance to connect with a valuable service and support network like Second Chances SA. It's a win-win for all of us."

Second Chances Op Shop: 397 Diagonal Road, Sturt



Birthday presents work!

Our headline news to kick start 2018, is our relocation to new ground floor offices. Fifteen years of daily walking up and down two sets of concrete steps for volunteers and staff is finally over. There is off street parking in the back yard, a meeting room with four offices at **229 Fullarton Road Eastwood**. Call us if you want to catch up for a visit.

When it comes to birthdays there are many PKs who have few memories of celebrating their birthday as a child. A teen girl told us how her mother rarely gave her a birthday present. She says, 'When in prison my mother requested a birthday present be sent to me.

Thanks to Second Chances SA it was the best present I'd ever received. I was definitely not in a good place at the time. I was almost suicidal. I've been attending PK Mentoring Camps ever since and today I'm studying at Uni and am a leader on PK Mentoring Camps for Teen Girls. I'll never forget that special birthday present'

Giving a birthday present to a child of a prisoner can mean more to them than words will ever tell. Every PK needs to know they are accepted, have belonging and are valued. This is so critical as they often feel a sense of

abandonment and false guilt, as if it's their fault their parent is in prison. We know birthday presents work!

Please join our dollar for dollar appeal for PK Birthday presents. You can make a huge difference by sponsoring not just one, but two for the price of one this autumn.



Helen Glanville
Helen Glanville
Chief Executive

Thank you for supporting Christmas Angels!



Celebrating Gold in Parliament House



John Gardner MP for Morialta hosted Helen Glanville, **Second Chances SA** CEO and local Kenton Valley resident, to display the organisation's Gold Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Award at SA Parliament House.

Together with all our generous donors and sponsors, we have brought **joy to over 500 children** and their families Christmas 2017



Letters from Prison

DEAR Christmas Angels

Thankyou so much for the things you do for my kids to bring them a bit of happiness on my behalf. When these presents arrive at their home they are so excited to think that Dad has sent them. I really do thank you for the last couple years that you have done the same. I am doing 10 yrs prison term and I don't get to see my children because of the distance and expenses, this honestly means the world to not only my children but also me. Thankyou

yours Sincerely

Thankyou to everyone Paron that has donated this year and in the past. From the bottom of my heart Thankyou.

Dear Second chances,

I would like to say thanks for everything. And to your volunteers for the gifts. It is a hard, but special time of the year. you make it alot more Joyful for us and our family, to hope you are amazing in all yous do.

The shower packs & gifts are lovely. Merry christmas to all & happy new year. Joy to all for the future.

Thanks alot from Della

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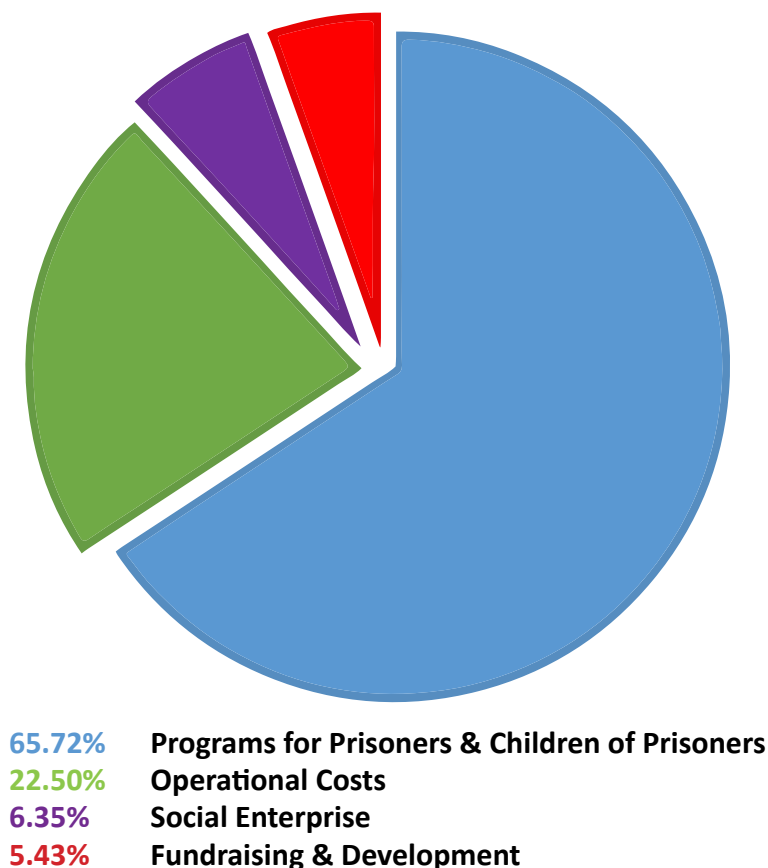
Three Years On

On February 1 2015, we launched **Second Chances SA**, a volunteer organisation with a mandate to restore hope in the lives of prisoners, their children and their families here in South Australia.

We are producing a more detailed summary called, Three Years On to be available soon.



EXPENDITURE



Three Years by numbers

5,000+	Hours worked by our in-prison volunteers each year
1,000	Prisoner's property storage
36	Post-release housing placements
28	PK Mentoring Camps
200+	PK camping opportunities
8,000+	Hours volunteered by PK Mentoring Camp leaders
660	PK Birthday presents
1,500+	Christmas Angels (two presents each)
873	PK Family Care home visits
102	School uniform and shoe packages
156	Furniture Warehouse furniture packages

Back to School...with Dignity

As the new school year kicked off in January, **PK Family Care** has been busy assisting PKs (prisoners' kids) with purchasing new school uniforms and shoes for families who would otherwise struggle financially with extra back to school expenses.

Jason* is a single dad looking after two school-aged kids and a teenager. An ex-prisoner himself, Jason is now sole caretaker while his partner serves time in prison.

While in the Adelaide Remand Centre (ARC), Jason had been supported by a Second Chances SA volunteer who helped him with banking and offered a listening ear – something for which he was overwhelmingly grateful. When a **PK Family Care** worker inquired why his kids weren't at school at the time of the home visit, Jason confessed that

without the right uniforms and shoes, his kids were embarrassed and getting bullied.

With this information, **PK Family Care** offered to take Jason's children shopping for school uniforms and shoes. Tearing up, Jason responded, *"That would mean so much to us. I'm not the kind of person who asks for things. I didn't know how we were going to afford any of this."*

Education is one of the key components of creating positive life outcomes for disadvantaged children and families – and for keeping PKs out of the criminal justice system. By teaming up with Local Government **City of Playford** and philanthropic agencies like **Sisters of Charity Foundation**, **Wyatt Trust** and **Lions Club of Richmond** we're sending another 100 PKs back to school with dignity.



SCSA on Small Change Radio



In January, **Second Chances SA** CEO **Helen Glanville** and PK Community Advocate **Chris Bowman** (pictured left) chatted with SACOSS CEO **Ross Womersley** (pictured right) and **Lisa Burns** at Small Change Radio on Radio Adelaide about the impact of incarceration on children and families, the need for preventative measures to curb generational crime and why we're in the business of "Second Chances."

Visit Media at secondchances.org.au to hear the full interview.



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Café Nights in 2018

Get ready for café-style information nights in 2018 with the launch of **Second Chances SA Café Nights!** Mark your calendars for **7pm Saturday, March 24** for our first Café Night at **Burnside City Uniting**, 384 Portrush Road, Burnside. Over coffee and chats – you'll also hear about the latest happenings across the organisation. Future dates: **Saturdays June 30; October 27.**



Prison Ministry Network

Prison Ministry Network (PMN) hosted a dinner with guest speaker, criminal turned criminologist, **Arthur Bolkas**. DCS Executive Director Community Corrections and Special Prisons, **Hayley Mills** commended the hard work of the 30 in-prison volunteers representing the PMN. The event was a combined effort by **Chaplaincy, Edge, Kairos and Second Chances SA.**



(L to R) Ben Kolly, Helen Glanville, Debbie Thomas, Hayley Mills, Rev. Ian Schneider



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