# CHANCES SA Restoring



Winter 2018

Photo: Stuart Daddow

# PK Mentoring Camps change young lives!



Since launching as **Second Chances SA** three years ago, we've successfully coordinated **28 PK Mentoring Camps** – providing over 200 camping placements for children and youth with a parent in prison.

For us, these are not just camps but rather unique opportunities to invest time and energy into the lives of young people with difficult life circumstances, as we build their confidence, encourage them in reaching their goals, teach them life skills and demonstrate positive, good values and behaviours.

For the PKs (prisoners' kids) who attend these camps – it is truly life changing. For Michelle\* PK Mentoring Camps gave her hope and a new found sense of purpose that she could create a better future for herself. She is now the first person in her family to attend University.



For Simon\*, being a part of **PK Mentoring Camps** has encouraged him to make good life choices and <u>not follow</u> in his dad and brothers' footsteps of criminal activity. Simon is now a volunteer leader – playing an important role as a positive role model to his peers.

Les Dennis, Camps Liaison, is passionate about these camps and

their impact because he knows only too well what it's like to grow up with a parent in prison.

"I understand how it feels because when I was a little boy I visited my dad in prison. We come alongside these kids to give them hope and encouragement to make good choices for their own lives. Seeing them grow in confidence and become leaders and mentors to their peers is the greatest reward!"

If you would like to sponsor a PK to attend camp or, if your Community Group, Church or Youth Group would like to sponsor an entire camp and receive full naming rights, contact us at **8272 0323** or <u>secondchances.org.au</u>



# An exciting start to 2018



In celebration of our first three years as **Second Chances SA**, we have put together *Three Years On* report (2015-2018), a collection of some of our favourite highlights and achievements from across the organisation.

Find the full report online at <u>secondchances.org.au</u> or email us at <u>office@secondchances.org.au</u> to request your copy.

This year we have settled into a brand new home at **229 Fullarton Road**, **Eastwood.** We're excited to have a three year lease on ground floor premises, which is more accessible for our volunteers, clients and supporters.



To celebrate our third birthday as **Second Chances SA**, we marked the occasion with a special green cake at our inaugural **Café Night** in March, cut



by (pictured left to right) **Heidi Bayardi** (Edwardstown Community Corrections), **Liam** (Manager Second Chances Furniture Warehouse) and **Helen Glanville** (Second Chances SA CEO).

### **Vocational Training - Our next logical step**

In September 2018, we will have notched up 10 years advocating for PKs (prisoner's kids). We have developed four main programs which teach values and encourage them to make good choices for their own lives, well away from Detention and crime.

Many PKs do not want to stay in a class room, yet they have great potential to advance towards a career pathway through **custom designed vocational training**. We are developing towards helping PKs beyond school into adulthood. There are many TAFE courses and pre-vocational **small steps** to ensure they are employable, including appropriate wardrobe presentation, manners and resume.

We are applying for dedicated Federal funding to **break the generational cycle of social services payment dependency**, such as Newstart and various pensions. We are hoping to attract funds specifically set aside to achieve this goal. If successful, this will not interfere with our other core projects. We will still need an ongoing flow of income from donors to achieve PK Mentoring Camps, PK Birthdays and Christmas Angels which are all early intervention programs. We are doing all we can to grow and guide our PKs into the workforce to become contributors not 'takers' from tax payers' funds and break the cycle of welfare dependency. It is one thing to help divert PKs from petty crime, yet another to give them the chance to discover and develop their innate aptitude and skills. We want to give them the chance they have been denied to succeed in their chosen field to become contributors and **tax paying citizens**. Will you vote with us in this endeavour?



### Visting Mums in prison



L:R Mel Eckert (South) Sarah Kaine (North)

Our PK Family Care staff were recently made welcome over two half day sessions at the Adelaide Womens Prison, to meet up with mums across four different sections explaining how we support their PKs **while 'mum is away.'** 

They learned very quickly the mums were hesitant to share their stories until we stressed that we are not from the government. Once reassured, they gladly wanted whatever we could give their children especially school uniforms and shoes and working with well-being officers at schools to encourage them to complete their schooling. Altogether, we met with over 40 mums who completed the new **PK Birthday forms** so we can **reassure** their child they are not forgotten and are accepted, belong and valued on their birthday.



A program of: CHANCES SA

Advocacy Provide support through transition stages Goal setting Contact PK Family Care: Sarah (North): 0426 513 517 Mel (South): 0422 624 338

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### From Shed to Home

When **PK Family Care** worker Sarah, was notified of a struggling family by a School Wellbeing Officer – she wasn't expecting to find them living in a shed. For nine weeks, a mother and her three children spent a summer in sweltering conditions crammed into a heat drawing shed, constantly being shaken by the train line only metres away.

Having served a short prison sentence and moved away from a domestic violence situation, the mum and her kids were trying to start a new safe, life together. Through our partnership with **Cornerstone Housing**, Sarah found the family accommodation within two weeks. They now live in their very own three bedroom home, with a big back yard replacing the busy train line. The family needs a fridge – so Sarah is shopping at **Second Chances Furniture Warehouse**.

The mum says, "I am so happy. Thank you so much. You're the best!" The youngest daughter is preparing to decorate her room with horses and unicorns. And for the first time this year, the three children are finally returning to school now they have a fixed address.



For Sarah, being able to come alongside families like this is exactly what **Second Chances SA** is about. She is "over the moon" with the leaps and bounds this family are already making. They just needed a little help, finding a second chance.

*Restoring Hope* 

Christians should go to PRISON!



If you want to explore the possibility of going to prison, meeting men who don't have a father figure in their lives, can listen to their story and be part of an effective team of prison visitors, then look no further. We have the right opportunity for you. Call us if you want to go to prison.

### **Team Mobilong**

Mobilong prison is the prison of choice for in-prison volunteers Chris and John. Each week they respond to written requests from prisoners for banking and storing of property. They meet new



prisoners, help staff where possible and support families in the community if they can. Chris has well over a decade of prison visitation experience while John has notched up his first year and loving it. These men help prisoners reassess their lives to give them hope and a 'second chance'.

### **Furniture For Friends**

#### 24 Referring Agencies

- Anglicare SA
- Australian Red Cross
- Baptist Care
- Dept. for Child Protection
- Dept. for Correctional Services
- Disability SA
- Housing SA
- Hutt Street Centre
- HYPA
- Inner Southern Youth
- Junction Australia
- Life Without Barriers

# **Chapel in Cadell**



L:R Sarah, Henry and Kari

Once a month we contribute to the Chapel roster at Cadell Training Centre and who no better than former international bowler for Zimbabwe, and our Ambassador Henry Olonga to answer questions about ball tampering? He was joined by volunteers to the Adelaide Prelease Centre, Sarah Kaine and Kari Sampson. Almost 20 men listened intently to Henry's life story and the lessons he's learned.

### Help from 'The Law'



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE **KEEPING SA SAFE** 

We are thrilled to announce SAPOL Community Engagement have met with us to learn how we want to inform Police Stations so SAPOL members know we can move in quickly after they have arrested a parent. We have delivered flyers to stations in Sturt, Port Adelaide, Elizabeth, Salisbury and Tea Tree Gully. For the sake of the children left behind, the police can alert us to help struggling PKs.

In addition, we recently received a handsome grant from **COPS4KIDS** whose members from SAPOL have invested in school uniforms and shoes to help prevent truanting and keep the PKs in schools.



Radio Adelaide has a program on Tuesday evenings called 'Small Change Radio' and recently Helen and Liam were interviewed by CEO SACOSS Ross Womersley about the



service provided by the Second Chances Furniture Warehouse. Assistance packages of furniture are made available at affordable prices for the homeless, victims of domestic violence and clients referred by 24 other referring NGOs. If you'd like to donate your unused fridge, washing machine and good quality furniture please call 8352 7722 for a collection time.

- Mind Australia • Neami National – Street to Home
  - OARS
  - Public Trustee

Marion Life

- Relationships Australia
- SA Health
- Second Chances SA
- St John's Youth
- United Care Wesley Bowden
- Uniting Communities
- Women's Safety Services

### **Meet Your Governance Team**



We believe good governance is integral to everything we do. Our governance team comprises our Board (9) and Advisory Panel (7) who generously volunteer their time giving timely wisdom and support.

Back Row (L-R): Les Dennis (Secretary), Julian Grobler (Vice Chairman), Helen Glanville (CEO), Timothy Minahan (Chairman), Bob Brooks Front Row (L-R): Krystal Gurney (Treasurer), Brenda Bates, Jayme Watson, Geoff Glanville

### Next Café Night: June 30!

Mark your calendars for 7pm Saturday, June 30 and be our guest at our next **Café Night** at **Burnside City Uniting** Church, 384 Portrush Road, Tusmore. Our guest speaker will be Hayley Mills, Executive Director Community Corrections and Specialist Prisons. A great night out to chat, make friends over a delicious supper and find out what's happening in the life of Second Chances SA, plus how we are cooperating and supporting Community Corrections. Diary date: Saturday October 27.



In 2002 Anna was the only hairdresser to the Adelaide Women's Prison for several years. Due to a range of circumstances Anna moved on and in 2013 commenced helping detainees at the Pennington Detention Centre. Owing to some women in AWP on protection not having the same access to services as other prisoners, AWP staff recently approached Second Chances for a hairdresser and already Anna is back in prison cutting hair again.

#### CHANCES SA Furniture Warehouse

131 Richmond Road, Richmond SA 5033 Mon-Fri 9:30am – 4:30pm Sat 10:00am-3:00pm Manager: Liam

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**Op Shop** 

397 Diagonal Road, Sturt SA 5047 Ph: 8296 5588 Mon-Fri 9:30am – 4:30pm Sat 10:00am-3:00pm

**Co-Managers:** Sue Rice & Peter Bruno

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#### **GRANT FUNDED POSITIONS:**

PK Family Care: Mel Eckert PK Family Care: Sarah Kaine

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