Second CHANCES SA Restoring

Service Excellence

Winter 2022



For the past two years we've been eagerly awaiting this report to be released, by the Commissioner of Children and Young People (CCYP) Helen Connolly.

Of the 66 children she interviewed 30 were children or young people with a parent in prison from our programs and Mentoring camps.

We Are Joining the Dots!

As most already know, we've been providing birthday presents (Birthday Stars) to children on behalf of the imprisoned parent for many years, plus we've been delivering Christmas presents (Christmas Angels) into the prison visit areas since 2001. This way the whole family can enjoy opening their presents together.

These are important milestones in the life of a child. In many cases, if we did not provide these presents, they would not receive any at all.

No one gets to choose their parents – **not their crime, not their fault.**Children of prisoners often share experiences of social isolation, stigma, and bullying, as well as their feelings of anger, shame and guilt 'by association'.

When a parent goes to prison their world is thrown into chaos and they often suffer in silence and alone.

Most of the families we work with struggle to make ends meet, pay

bills, encourage their children to complete their schooling and be good parents. Some are concerned the government may take their children from them. They often ask us if we are from the government. As we are not from the government, they find it easier to trust us. It is because of the relationships we build, that Well-Being officers in schools request that we work with them.

We receive referrals from government agencies because we are the only charity in South Australia, dedicated to the children and youth of prisoners.

We work with these children to break the generational cycle of crime, through early interventions such as restoring dignity through school uniforms and shoes, school backpacks, plus mentoring camps where they make new friends with similar experiences.

All our supporters are helping us **Join the Dots!** Continued Pg 2.

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Carrying the Baton

My husband and I were invited from NSW to South Australia 38 years ago to work with prisoners and their families. That would last 10 years.

Together, we steered the SA branch of a national organisation for 20 years. Since then, we've pioneered an exclusive South Australian charity now in its 8th year –

Second Chances SA.

Geoff took a keen interest on a daily basis, in knowing who was in the Courts List for the Magistrates, District and Supreme Courts. He would also try to find legal representation for what seemed to be some difficult and complex cases.

His style was quiet and self-effacing. While his profile was low, he was known to be the smart operator. He spent time thinking about serious issues and spent even more time considering strategies to solve them.

He would give wisdom, understanding and explanation to the new volunteers he sought to recruit and train and was that quiet voice of counsel I reached out to for support and encouragement. He gave me the confidence to soar.

It is my honour and privilege to continue carrying the baton and his legacy of compassion, mercy and empathy for the rejected and struggling in our society. The many cards of condolence and sympathy from those he listened to and helped, has borne testimony to that.

He's changed address. We know where he is. He's in Eternity and for those who believe, we will be

reunited one day.

Eden Slanville
Helen Glanville
Chief Executive



Join the Dots - In the Media



Sunday 8 May, Sunday Mail pp14.15. This article has helped to educate the community about the plight concerning children of prisoners. We are driven to divert children and young people from Detention.

Show your support for these children by making a donation before 30 June.

On Monday 9 May, Helen was interviewed by Graeme Goodings (FIVEaa) and discussed the challenges these children face when a parent goes to prison. To hear the interview, go to our website and click 'Audio' in the 'Research and Resources' menu.

Go Active Family Support - Making a Difference in the Community



These growing feet are now happy feet. Grandma does a great job raising her eight grandchildren (one at home). Seven children pictured with Grandma and GoActive Family Support Team Leader Kim Pienaar. Thank you to our generous partners helping to make a difference in young lives.



We want to take a moment to celebrate and acknowledge all the grandparents who have supported their families through tough times. Grandma is having a well-deserved rest while this little guy burns off some energy in the park, with one of our GoActive Family Support workers.

Geoff Glanville - Our Founder and Friend

Geoff Glanville, a long serving volunteer and founding member of Second Chances SA, passed peacefully into eternity 22 March 2022, with his family by his side.

Since arriving in South Australia in 1984, he has been committed to visiting prisoners and providing practical helps on their release into the community.

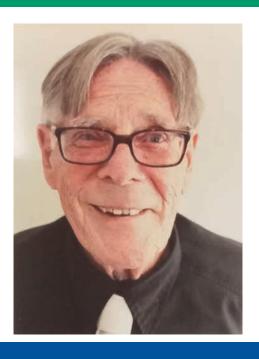
He dedicated his life to prison reform and restoring hope to people in prison, especially those who wanted to turn their life around.

He believed in Second Chances because he had been given his own Second Chance in South Australia. Through the years he has also contributed to leadership and governance Board positions. His wisdom, quiet persona, dry wit and empathy, touched many lives.

A devoted husband and father, Geoff was passionate about helping people impacted by the criminal justice system. He was a life member of Victims of Crime and Second Chances SA.

He will be greatly missed by prisoners, DCS staff and the Second Chances team.

We extend our deepest sympathy to our CEO Helen, sons Rhett and Dean and daughter-in-law Alice.



Visiting Mums in Prison

Julia Skane (Volunteer) recently started visiting the Adelaide Women's Prison for the Second Chances SA Bringing Hope program.

Julia is a friendly and compassionate listener who understands personal trauma and loss.

We're confident the women will appreciate her delightful personality, as she brings hope and encouragement to women believing for change.

She will give assistance in practical matters such as banking, as well offering solutions towards their future planning.

Zinedine Nicholls is training Julia in the ways of the Bringing Hope program over the next six weeks. If you would like to volunteer, please call Zinedine on 0449 616 248.



L:R Julia Skane (Volunteer) and Zinedine Nicholls (Manager of In-Prison Volunteers)

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Do you have a drivers licence?
Do you like helping people?
Do you want to be part of a friendly team?

Second Chances Furniture Warehouse needs volunteer drivers and offsiders to assist with furniture pick-ups and deliveries in our truck. If you have one or two days a week you can give, we'd love to hear from you. We need friendly people to provide customer service in store to assist victims of domestic violence and homelessness.

Interested? Give our Furniture Warehouse a call for a chat, come along and meet the team.

Ph: 8352 7722 (Monday-Friday 9:30am-4pm). 131 Richmond Road. Richmond SA 5033



Generosity in the Community

Thank you to the Sit and Sew Group, Aberfoyle Park Community Centre SA, and Threads Quilting Group Yankalilla, for their generous donations of quilts, backpacks, clothing, and stationery. This is already helping our clients stay warm as we go into the colder months. A young boy was excited to receive a motocross themed quilt.



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One of our GoActive Family support workers was looking for a popup tent to assist a young boy. His psychologist said he could do with a safe space to go when he needs to calm down. When she contacted the Second Chances Op Shop, Sean (a volunteer) donated his own tent to help. They filled it with blankets and soft toys — the boy was so happy.

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Saving Lives - Defibrillator grant for Furniture Warehouse

Second Chances Furniture Warehouse has been granted funds to purchase a defibrillator, through the Federal **Powering Communities Program**. This will enable our volunteers to assist emergency heart patients while waiting for an ambulance. These could be members of the public or our senior citizen volunteers.

We are grateful to have this vital life-saving equipment soon available and hope there will not be a need to use it.

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