

Second CHANCES SA Restoring

Autumn 2023



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Years young!

Since launching as Second Chances SA in 2015 we have provided...



1,728+ Birthday Stars presents



8,378+ Christmas Angels presents



382+ Mentoring Camp Opportunities



2,258+ home visits to families



354+ school uniforms and shoe packages



19,487+ hours volunteered in-prison



Thank You!

Major sponsor for 2022



Together with all our generous sponsors and donors, we brought joy to **437** children and their families Christmas 2022!

Imagine as a child not having seen your mother for six months until your auntie takes you to the annual children's Christmas party at the Adelaide Women's Prison?

This is the story of two brothers aged 12 and 13 years. They were super excited to see her as it had been way too long for them. In fact, one boy misses his mum so much he wears her beanie all the time. The only communication they have had with their mum has been through phone calls.

As no one can take them to the prison each week, this was a



Photo courtesy of the Adelaide Womens Prison.

'one-off' visit. They were extremely pleased to receive their special Christmas presents from **Christmas Angels** – all because of you the donor and Variety.

One boy received a torch and a pair of sunglasses and the other received a fancy 'fit-bit' type health watch. Mum was excited and pleased too. They shared the joy of Christmas together on the Saturday one week before Christmas day. Thank you to every donor who has made such joy possible. This is the magic of Christmas Angels.

Becoming a Friend

As the years pass us by, it becomes apparent how easy it is to become isolated and disconnected from our previous networks and family.

When our children are still living at home, we know their friends and contacts at their sporting clubs and youth groups. But when they leave home those contacts diminish.

When we lose a close family member, it can mean our opportunities to network socially can be reduced.

For those of us who are fortunate to have loving family members and friends, we don't realise how blessed we are until they are gone. Imagine not having a family in your start to life. Imagine having

difficulty making friends at school. Imagine not having at least one loving caregiver or guardian.

Then you make a series of poor choices and the only 'friends' you have are not good for you and they lead you into an anti-social lifestyle and criminal behaviour.

When you're a prisoner you become rejected by society and disconnected from your family due to absence.

Who wants to befriend a prisoner? We all need supportive friends and networks to move forward and live a balanced life. When you lose those networks you can become a lonely 'shut-in'. Spare a thought for those who never had a good start and now need to be understood and

supported to succeed when they return back into the community.

Criminologists say a former prisoner needs to be surrounded by people who believe they can change. **Will you be one of those supporting people? You can, when you partner with us as we recruit and train community volunteers to do just that.**

Will you help us help them?

Helen Glanville
Chief Executive



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Op Shop

Now selling and accepting donations of active ware, sports and recreation equipment.

Second Chances Op Shop has expanded their range to include recreation and sporting goods. If you have any recreation or sporting items in good condition and need a new home for them, they would love to hear from you. They are looking for items from active ware to sports equipment.

OR If you have any contacts within the sporting ware industry who are looking to clear some stock we would love to hear more.

Contact Operations Manager Kim on 0400 302 374 or email kim.pienaar@secondchances.org.au

Late Night Shopping! Second Chances Op Shop

Now Open last Thursday of the month until 7:30PM
397 Diagonal Road, Sturt SA 5047, 08 8296 5588

Annual Report Out Now

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Annual Report 2021-2022



2022 – On Australia Day an Order of Australia Medal was awarded to our Board Secretary and Acting Chair, Camps Liaison, Grants advisor and friend to many, including Board members, staff and volunteers, Les Dennis (Left).



2022 – Sunday 8 May Sunday Mail pp14.15. This article discussed the struggles of children with a mum or dad in jail, in response to 'Joining the dots' a report released by the commissioner for children and young people.

Australian Service Excellence Standards
Second Chances SA Inc. achieved Accreditation Certificate Level



2021 – Second Chances SA was externally assessed Nov 2021 and achieved certificate level under ASES. This accreditation shows our commitment to continuous improvement and high-level quality service. It acknowledges the very hard work of our team, with 100% of 'essential' requirements in place.

2022 – Jr Boys Mentoring Camp, Brown Hill Creek 18-19 June. Camper gets up close with the animals.



Catch up on the past years highlights and more in Second Chances SA : Restoring Hope Annual Report 2021-2022. To download your copy visit secondchances.org.au

Family Emergency Tent Upgrade

We know just how scarce accommodation can be. We were introduced to a family of three by a concerned neighbour. When we were able to enter the back yard of a 'friend's' property, what we came across was extremely disturbing.

A mother with two teenage children were made homeless when the landlord decided to sell her home. She was desperate and the only 'roof' she could find at the time was a **flimsy small tent set up in the backyard of a friend.**

As soon as we saw what she and her children were enduring, **we moved in to improve her situation.** While it is not their long term home, they now have a much larger tent with partitions for privacy, a bar fridge for food, an annex for sitting outside in shelter and height so they can walk in and stand rather than crawling in to bed in the dark. We provided the lighting they needed too.

While the yard and tent were set up we booked accommodation for two nights at the Marion Holiday Park.

We continue to advocate for them with housing providers for a suitable home.

Since then mother and daughter attended the custom designed camp with several other mothers and daughters. This gave them some respite together and some real quality time to enhance the bond between them.

Mum now has her eyes on some study and her daughter is more committed to her schoolwork.



Kim raked away the leaves and mowed the grass to prepare for good ground cover under the larger tent.

Every Child Deserves a Bright Future



Mums and Daughters Mentoring Camp
15 - 17 December 2022
Encounter Bay

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We are grateful to Rotary Regency Park and to all our donors who support GoActive Mentoring Camps. You've helped us to make an impact in families. Our second Mums and Daughters Mentoring Camp was a sensation, creating opportunities for character development and family bonding.



Teen Boys Mentoring Camp
2 - 4 December 2022
Mylor

Our Teen Boys Mentoring Camp went ahead with sunshine early in December, creating opportunities for mentoring and character development for these young men. Thank you to Commissioner for Children and Young People SA and to all our donors who support GoActive Mentoring Camps.

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