

Transformation Happens!



From lack of engagement to education



From school re-enrolment to job interview



From lack of knowledge to understanding

Look at her Now

When we first met "mum" she was homeless, living in the back of an old shop, struggling with the law. Her track record in traffic offences was substantial. We met her when supporting her son to stay in school.

Today, "mum" is playing a vital role as a lead volunteer, being responsible and demonstrating by example, how she can give back to the organisation which helped her family.



From lack of engagement to gaining compassion and leadership award

Give your Pre-loved Sports Equipment a Second Chance



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

BETTER TO BUILD A CHILD – than repair an adult

Although societies recognize that the future lies in our children, far too many children have their rights denied every single day. The reality is we do not choose our parents. We do not choose to come into a home where work ethic is not modelled, education not valued, positive values such as honesty, respect and encouragement are not practiced.

What we take for granted as a good start in a good family, is not the experience of every child. Many South Australian children are on the back foot lacking good nurturing and guidance.

Frederick Douglass, a slavery abolitionist in 1855 said, **“It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.”** The statement is simple and profound

and applies from generation to generation. And yet we as a society and as individual families, neglect the building, facilitate the breaking and balk at the cost and commitment of the repair.

The goal of building a child is to equip and empower them while they're young so when they become adults they're in better emotional, mental, spiritual, financial, and or physical positions than before.

If you want to change the world through education, there is only so much energy and resources. Frederick Douglass is clearly saying that you should focus on the children.

Here at Second Chances we place a great value on the children of prisoners. Our aim is to give them encouragement to complete their

education, plus positive life skills. Many struggle with basic numeracy, literacy and they suffer from being malnourished. The other day we delivered a fruit basket to a child with hand, foot and mouth disease. The standard of hygiene in many homes is well below any standard we would tolerate.

Please, let's keep the children – citizens of tomorrow – uppermost in our minds, actions and investment of time and resources.



Helen Glanville
Chief Executive



Looking for a Speaker?

If you're connected to a community group, why not invite us to be your guest speaker?

These are endorsements from service organisations who've invited Helen to speak.

'Helen engaged us from the very beginning by asking rhetorical questions to make us compare our fortunate upbringings with those of children of prisoners. This developed our knowledge of, and empathy for, their situation. This was done in a very skilful and respectful way, so as to take us on a journey of understanding.'

Lions Club Golden Grove

'Many thanks for your efforts in speaking at our meeting on April 20. I hope that you realise that those residents present really appreciated hearing your message of hope for children who themselves are innocent of personal crimes.'

I had heard your message earlier in the year at the Lions Club of Golden Grove High Tea event, and immediately realised that your message of creating hope in the lives of children who are facing adversity was extremely valuable and worth sharing with my Neighbourhood Watch group.'

Keep up the excellent work – everyone needs to be aware of the need to mentor in a caring and compassionate way the youngsters in our community, encouraging them to persevere and go on in order to break the cycle of criminality in their lives. As you indicated we can't make people change, but certainly encouragement through mentoring can make a real difference in their lives.'

Aileen Eldridge, Para Hills Neighbourhood Watch



Furniture Warehouse Moving by Nov 2024

The North-South Road Corridor is requiring the Land Acquisition of 131 Richmond Road Richmond which has been the home of our Furniture Warehouse for the past seven years.

We rent the property which is owned by our landlord but is not required for vacant possession until 30 November 2024.

They have now instructed the buyer's advocate, David Burford of Raine & Horne, to discuss our search parameters. We have already received a link suggestion for new possible premises to consider.

If you know of a warehouse and/or know someone who knows commercial real estate, please get them to contact us to discuss our requirements.



How to Donate Pre-loved Items and Furniture



Second Chances Furniture Warehouse located at **131 Richmond Road, Richmond SA**, provides a retail outlet for larger donated items including furniture, white goods and electrical items. All profits from Second Chances Furniture Warehouse fund the work we do at Second Chances SA.

We collect good condition quality, saleable furniture.

- Kitchen tables and chair sets
- Wardrobes
- Coffee tables
- Chest of drawers/tallboys
- Lounge suites
- Fridges/freezers
- Clean mattresses
- Washing machines
- Bedside tables

If you are upgrading and would like to donate furniture or white goods, please call on **(08) 8352 7722** or send an email to **furniture@secondchances.org.au** and we can arrange a collection time. Our **trading hours are 9:30am- 4:00pm, Monday-Friday.**



Second Chances Op Shop located at **397 Diagonal Road, Sturt SA**, provides a retail outlet for donated clothes bric-a-brac, and sporting goods, raising funds that go directly back into our work, giving hope to those affected by crime.

We accept donations of good quality saleable items. To donate, simply come visit us during our trading hours and see one of our friendly volunteers to assist you with your donation. Please do not drop off items outside the store out of hours.

When considering donating linen, please donate wisely. We **DO NOT** accept stained or dirty quilts, pillows, or linen for health and safety reasons.

If you're unsure whether your clothing or linen is in good enough condition to donate, follow the golden rule for donations: if you would gift it to a friend or family member, then it's in good enough condition to donate to a charity shop.

If you have any questions or are unsure about an item you would like to donate, feel free to give us a call on **(08) 8296 5588**. Our **trading hours are 10:00am-4:30pm, Monday-Friday. 10:00am-3:00pm, Saturday.**



