



# Count Down to 10 Years!

Since Feb 1, 2015, we have assisted children and families of prisoner's and achieved over...



1,728 Birthday Stars Presents



2,929 Home Visits to Families



4,626 Children received Christmas Angels Presents



431 School Uniforms and Shoe Packages



Service Excellence

410 Mentoring Camp Opportunities



20,478 Hours Volunteered in Prison

# Thank You for Becoming an Angel!





"To the Second Chances Christmas Angel donors, ...Thank you for all the great work you do. I remember my first Christmas in jail... I felt so bad for my children because I couldn't give them a big family gathering and give them Christmas presents. But then I saw the Christmas Angels form in my unit.

So, I filled it out and when it came close to Christmas, on a visit prison guards brought out two presents for each of my kids and then my girls came... and you should've seen their faces. They were so happy and excited to open these wonderful presents...So thank you for all your work and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."







Together with all our generous sponsors and donors, we brought joy to **443 children and their families**Christmas 2023!

# **Navigating Challenges**

Have you ever felt the odds were against you? Your goals and desires too ambitious so you took a backward step? At Second Chances SA we have more challenges than we want or need. Just when we think we've made some progress, another challenge raises its ugly head catching us off guard.

We are buoyed by three sources of income. Firstly, donors who give generously, but like everyone else the challenges of keeping up with the cost of living, increased insurance premiums, increased fuel and rent is never ending for everyone and for charities. **Secondly**, we raise independent income through our social enterprises at our Op Shop and Furniture Warehouse. When external and internal factors impact our regular way of operating, we know it at the point of sale. For

example, there is a shortage of housing stock for the homeless and victims of domestic violence, the demand for our furniture packages has slumped to an all-time low. It's called the 'knock-on' effect. Thirdly, we receive some government funding for the children of prisoners program, GoActive Family Support. We have this contract till June 2025. This does not cover any operational costs with other programs.

The Board made the courageous decision last year to close our Eastwood administration offices and staff are using their home offices to work and communicate. While this has been a cost saving. it has not caught up with the Furniture Warehouse revenue loss of 30% experienced in the period July – December 2023. Things can change quickly in six months. Our net profits are down by 47% due

to rising rents, utilities, insurances, and fuel costs. Later this year the government's T2D (Torrens to Darlinghurst) project on South Road, requires our Furniture Warehouse to be acquired so we are forced to relocate, and we all know there are costs associated with moving.

While we need to operate by faith, we also need to be realistic. The Board has some serious decisions to make. If you like navigating challenges or know some business minded people who like to rescue struggling charities by flipping negatives into

positives, then we would welcome your expertise.



Chief Executive



#### **Christmas Boxes**



A big thank you to **LIFE Adelaide Church** who for 10 years have given hope through Christmas Boxes full of lovely Christmas goodies.

At Christmas they supported Second Chances SA children and families by providing 50 Christmas Boxes for our clients in the North and South regions. We're looking to share the love with 100 families at Christmas 2024.

Staff Kim and Fiona personally delivered these to needy families who we've come to know through supporting their children to stay in school to finish their education.

# **Annual Report Out Now**



# **Investing in Leaders**

There is nothing more gratifying to see young potential leaders emerge and develop to influence their peers for good. We've had the privilege of running, **Never too Young to Lead** retreats which focus on building up young people to rise to their potential in leadership.

\*Craig is one young man who was referred to us by another agency. He was 19 at the time. At the end of the training retreat, he was awarded with a Leadership Certificate, First Aid Kit and chocolates for his outstanding leadership qualities. He managed to gain a good training apprenticeship but owing to his mother's sickness he opted to stay at home and look after her. He is a selfless and humble, a good listener and a silent observer with

a servant's heart. Despite having a dad in prison and a mother with ongoing illness, Craig volunteered as an assistant leader at the **Teen Boys**Mentoring Camp in October and more recently at the Family camp supporting a large aboriginal family. He is currently aiming to get his driver's licence to help him gain employment again. We are planning to give more leadership opportunities to Craig at GoActive Mentoring Camps in the future.



A young emerging female leader is \*Joanne who also attended the Never too Young to Lead leader's training retreat in September 2023. She also attended the **Never too** Young to Lead retreat. Despite having a dad who is a repeat offender in and out of prison, she was determined and persisted to finish Year 12. She was part of the leadership team for the Teen Girls Mentoring camp in November 2023 at Mannum. Her leadership qualities include being humble, a good listener with a giving heart. In support of Joanne and in the absence of her parents, both staff members Kim and Fiona, attended her Year 12 Graduation ceremony. She is currently studying Foundation Studies at Flinders University.

### **GoActive Mentoring Camps - Strengthening Families**

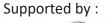
Soroptimists International (SI) support the development of girls becoming young women. For many years the Eastern District of Adelaide branch have sponsored a Teen Girls Mentoring camp on an annual basis. This partnership has seen many girls inspired with vision to choose a good future for themselves. We salute the wonderful hard-working members of SI who sponsor these camps.



Teen Girls Mentoring Camp 17-19 November 2023 Mannum



Mums and Daughters Retreat 20 - 21 November 2023 Mannum





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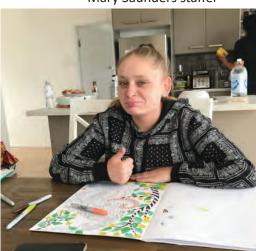


Mary Saunders staffer



We are grateful to Tanner Real Estate and to all our donors who support GoActive Mentoring Camps. You've helped us to make an impact in families. Our Third Mums and Daughters Mentoring Camp was enjoyed by young and old, creating opportunities for character development and family bonding.









If you belong to a 'C' (Club, Church, or Community Group) you probably know about the speaking opportunities that arise on a regular basis throughout the year. CEO Helen Glanville is available to tell the stories of transformed lives, young people who have hope for their future, on a path far removed from their projected pathway. We invest in young people's lives who are vulnerable to generational reoffending. All our programs are designed to build them up and turn them around. Call us to make a booking on 08 8272 0323. Your group will not be disappointed as Helen tells the stories of restoring hope.

PATRON: John Doyle AC QC JUSTICE ADVOCATE: Dr Lynn Arnold AO FAICD **VICTIMS' ADVOCATE:** Michael O'Connell AM APM AMBASSADOR: Henry Olonga **ADVISORY PANEL:** Gary Byron AM, Rev Bill Reddin,

#### **Drivers and Diligent Volunteers Needed**



Op Shop

397 Diagonal Road, Sturt SA 5047

Ph: 8296 5588

Mon-Wed and Fri 9:30am – 4:30pm Sat 10:00am-3:00pm

#### Do you enjoy...?

- Customer service
- Sorting through donations
- Arranging items for display

We are looking for volunteers to join our Op Shop and Furniture Warehouse teams. This is an opportunity to gain experience in retail, teamwork, and community service, in a supportive and fun environment! You may even get some bargains.

**Interested?** Give us a call at Second Chances Op Shop or Furniture Warehouse.



Furniture Warehouse

131 Richmond Road, Richmond SA 5033

Ph: 8352 7722

Mon-Fri 9:30am - 4:00pm

#### Do you enjoy...?

• Driving and Delivery

Second Chances Furniture Warehouse 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.

**Interested?** Give us a call at Second Chances Furniture Warehouse for a chat.

# **BOARD**

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**SC Camps Liaison:** Les Dennis (Vol)

#### **GRANT FUNDED STAFF**

**GoActive Family Support** Team Leader: Kim Pienaar

**Youth Worker:** Fiona MacFadyen

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