

Second CHANCES SA Restoring

Autumn 2025



691 Children
thank you
for being an **Angel!**



At Christmas 2024 a record number of children received Christmas Angels presents. We have never reached 691 children before in the time we've been providing this program. **We cannot do it without your support each year.** Thanks to you, we can keep on bringing joy and light to so many children separated from their incarcerated parent at Christmas time.

Christmas Boxes Spreading the Joy



A very special thanks to **Life Church** for their generous donation of 200 Christmas Boxes in December 2024. Delivering them to our families kept both Kim and Fiona very busy prior to Christmas. Families were so very grateful. As you can see packing our truck was quite a task and a special thanks to Adam for assisting us too.

10th Anniversary Achievements

When we reflect over the past ten years we can recall the most important highlights which required so much focus, but not without significant contributions from many people to achieve them.

Since **2015** we have successfully conducted **61 Mentoring Camps**. There would have been many more had Covid not pressed the 'pause' button. Every camp had a sponsor like a Rotary, Soroptimists Club, Foundation or a Church.

In **2017** we were sponsored by SAPOL to apply for the **Australian Crime and Violence and Prevention Awards** (ACVPA). It required me to go to Canberra and make a speech in Parliament House.

We applied for funding in the Federal 'Try Test and Learn' program which was aimed at supporting welfare

dependent young people and those more likely to become unemployed. Our program, '**Getting Ready for Take Off**' from **2019 - 2021**, was designed to assist young people to become job ready and find employment. We did this through Covid and helped 148 children of prisoners to become job ready with 48 finding part-time or full-time employment.

The aim of ensuring our standards, policies and procedures for sustainability, meant we needed to firm up aspects of risk management and other areas of human resources. For the most part of **2021** we looked into every aspect of the work and by end December our assessor granted us the **Australian Service Excellence Standards** (ASES) Accreditation.

In **2023** we applied to **Impact100 SA** for a project called GoActive Youth

Employment, to continue helping young people of prisoners to become job ready and gain employment. We were in the top four.

In **2024** we were the charity of choice of Glenside Lions Club to benefit from their annual Art Exhibition at the Burnside Town Hall.

At each event we were stretched, challenged but encouraged. The first 10 years has been an extremely memorable decade and we are grateful that we are still supporting needy and disadvantaged families.



Helen Glanville

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Chief Executive



Welcome Back Glenn



Glenn O'Rourke recently returned to the Second Chances SA Board as Chair and Treasurer. Glenn is a seasoned business growth expert and consultant with over 40 years of diverse experience in politics, business, retail, government, the not-for-profit sector, and the entertainment industry. He helps businesses navigate the challenges and opportunities of the global marketplace

and leverage their unique strengths and value propositions.

We are excited to welcome Glenn into his new leadership role. We look forward to his vision and assistance in strengthening our organisation, to make a greater impact in our community, and the lives of the disadvantaged.

Family Mentoring Camp



Family Mentoring Camp
 Thurs 19 – Fri 20 December 2024
 Marion Holiday Park

Supported by :
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10 Rewards of Volunteering

As it says in the good book, it is better to give than to receive. Giving yourself, your time, your friendship and your work can reap more rewards than we give it credit for. The experts say there are many benefits. Here they are;

Why not come and join the teams at our Op Shop and Furniture in Sturt. There are many roles to be explored. Sorting, pricing, arranging, tidying, stacking, throwing out, organising and more sorting. Being on the truck for collection of donations and deliveries provides comradery on the road.

There's also opportunities to serve in governance on the Board. In particular, we are looking for a Treasurer who would support our Finance Manager. Think about the benefits and give us a call or ask for CEO Helen Glanville in an email to office@secondchances.org.au

- Sense of community** – community connection
- Fun** – enjoyable experiences
- Sense of Purpose** – meaningful life impact
- Social skills** – improved communication abilities
- Happiness** – emotional well-being
- New friends** – social interaction boost
- Self-esteem** – confidence enhancement
- Comfort zone** – personal growth challenge
- Valuable skills** – skill development opportunity
- Job Prospects** – career and employment advancement potential



**Op Shop
& Furniture**

Ph: 8296 5588
 Mon- Fri 10am – 4pm
 Sat 10am-3pm

Now in one location, at 397 Diagonal Road Sturt.

After operating our Furniture Warehouse on Richmond Road Richmond for 8 years, the SA government acquired the land for the development of the Torrens to Darlington South Road extension. Since August 2024 we've been forced to merge the Furniture operations at the Op Shop. We've used every square inch of containers at the back as well as hire another container off site.

After 17 years at Sturt, what we are looking for now is another, bigger facility to become home for both these functions. With hard work and creativity we've made some more space, moved things around and made best use of what we have. If you know of a facility which may suit please make contact with our Chair Glenn O'Rourke via office@secondchances.org.au

A returning customer visited the store recently and told the Manager,

"I've been coming here for years but haven't been in a long time because of the way things were run. This is the best set up I've ever seen. It's amazing and there is such a big variety. I'll keep coming back now for sure".



Making a Difference

‘Joanne’ was referred to us in 2018. Initially we advocated for psychological assistance and encouraged her to stay engaged in schooling and join Operation Flinders program. We invited her on several teen girl camps over the years and has turned 19. We also advocated so she could keep her scholarship and get independence status because her home life became too unbearable. We’ve attended parent evenings, assemblies and graduations with her and her father has been incarcerated for many years during her childhood. She suffers from a severe medical condition preventing her from

holding down a part-time job or having driving lessons. Joanne and her mother are estranged, and she was often left for months at a time with her father’s partners.

Despite her chaotic start to life and her dysfunctional family, she graduated High school and has completed her Foundation Year at Flinders University. She has enrolled into Flinders University to study a BA Degree in Social Work starting in March 2025. Joanne continues to come on camps with SCSA and is engaging in SCSA ‘Never to Young to Lead’ initiative.

‘Jacob’ turned 12 in November 2024 and was referred to SCSA by his Well-Being Leader in December 2023. Jacob lives with his mother, his stepfather and three half-brothers and was disruptive and disengaged from school. He struggled to regulate his moods and his temper and found himself excluded from school. We have worked with Jacob fortnightly over the past year. We were able to bond with him and give him the one-to-one attention he sought. Jacob thrived on this attention and was able to articulate that he felt different from his half-brothers because they had their dad at home. Jacob liked to talk about his incarcerated dad with the Youth Worker as he felt understood about how isolated and lonely he felt sometimes. Jacob attended day trips to activities like Bounce Inc and St Kilda Playground. We encouraged him to apply for a leadership position within his school. They spent a lot of time

talking about what makes a good leader. What skill set might an effective leader demonstrate, and which behaviours were acceptable, and which were not. We helped him with his application for Sports Captain and helped him prepare for his interview and navigate his disappointment when he was initially unsuccessful. Moreover, because of the turnaround in his behaviour he was given the opportunity to be Sports Captain as the school made another House for him to Captain.

SCSA celebrated with Jacob and his family when he graduated Primary School in December 2024. He was awarded the Endeavour Award at his graduation ceremony from his Headmaster. This received the loudest cheer of the whole evening. His mother has asked us to continue to support him as he enters his adolescence. We are very happy to do this to see how he develops into a successful young man.

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