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vinnies changes lives every day
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ANNUAL REPORT 2012



St Vincent de Paul Society
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A night is small compared to what many suffer. Thank goodness for Vinnies.

A reminder of how lucky we are.

Thanks to all the generous supporters of the homeless. Thanks Vinnies.

What a great cause. Let's work together to raise awareness.

Vinnies care for the homeless every night. With numbers growing they need more help.

We want to see more next year.

I hope all this participation brings more supporters for a great cause.

Support the Vinnies CEO Sleepout.

Well done Vinnies.

Great event. Good luck Vinnies.

Very cold outside but for a good cause.

Our Mission

The Society is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

Our Vision

The St Vincent de Paul Society aspires to be recognised as a caring Catholic charity offering “a hand up” to people in need. We do this by respecting their dignity, sharing our hope, and encouraging them to take control of their own destiny.

Our Logo

The logo is the symbol of the St Vincent de Paul Society in many countries and was designed by Australian sculptor, Tom Bass. It represents the hand of Christ that blesses the cup, the hand of love that offers the cup and the hand of suffering that receives the cup.



St Vincent de Paul Society

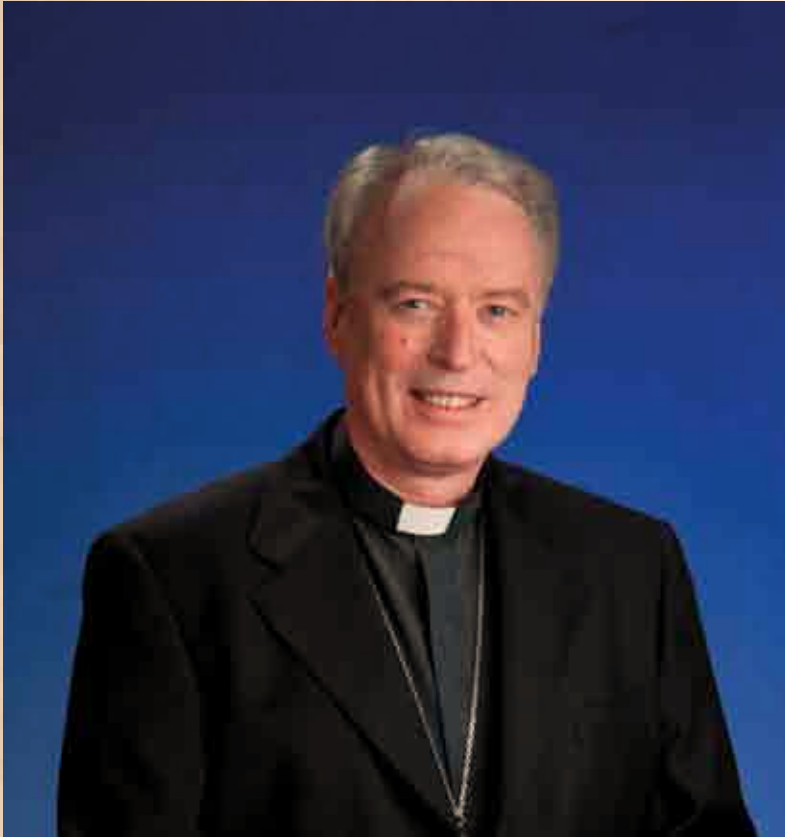
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Archdiocese Message

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Over my time as Auxiliary Bishop of Perth I have come in contact with many members, volunteers and staff of the St Vincent de Paul Society and I have been humbled by the respect and dignity in with which they have offered the hand of love through the provision of

food, clothing, shelter, comfort, support and friendship. Over the past year the Society has once again made no distinction in who it serves and has offered love and compassion to anyone that has called on them for help.

Saint Teresa of Avila said, “Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks with compassion on the world; yours are the feet with which He walks to do good”, this reminds us that Our Lord Jesus does indeed act in and through us. As Christians, we are all called to respond to God’s abundant blessings by sharing our gifts with those in most need. I hope all members and volunteers of the Society take pride knowing that your time, talent and efforts are for the greater honour and glory of God.

Your work as Vincentians is one of love and kindness but for you there is no charity without justice, therefore as Vincentians your obligation to understand and act on injustice is equally as important as that of the charitable act of providing material and financial support. Charity must walk hand in hand with justice and so the special work and role you play in advocacy and justice for the people you serve is to be admired and you are to be congratulated

for your continued efforts to bring about understanding, compassion and change on key areas of injustice including homelessness, racism, loneliness, refugees and poverty.

It has also been of great comfort to me in my ministry as Bishop, to see the care and love shown by the broader WA community over the past year through the sacrifices many of you have made by way of generous donations to support the Society’s work, know that I am ever grateful for your generosity and care for those most in need of our love and support.

I am delighted with the work accomplished by the Society in Western Australia this year and am deeply thankful for the Christian outreach it has provided. I have admired the earnest service of the members and volunteers and the leadership of State Council, who I believe have exemplified wise and generous Christian stewardship in their roles as a governing board. I

acknowledge in particular outgoing State President Clem Astruc for his leadership over the past four years and commend him for his efforts and the outstanding service he has given to the Society and the broader West Australian community in his role.

I offer my congratulations for the work of this past year and my support and prayers for the work ahead.

Sincerely in Christ
Most Rev Donald Sproxton DD
Auxiliary Bishop of Perth



State President's Message

"I believe the Society has achieved many great things and this is wholly through the hard work and dedication of our members, volunteers and staff and the incredible generosity of the Western Australian community."



I come to you in this annual report with my final message as State President of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Western Australia. As I reach the end of my four year term, I look back over the past four years with a great sense of pride, I believe the Society has achieved many great things and this is wholly through the hard work and dedication of our members, volunteers and staff and the incredible generosity of the Western Australian community.

Some key highlights for me over my term include -:

- The visit from our International President General Michael Thio in 2010 and being able to show him the work of the Society in WA and the internationally unique models of care we provide.

- World Youth Day held in 2008 and the celebration of faith I witnessed by not only our own youth members but the hundreds of thousands of global youth that descended on Sydney. An event filled with hope and joy.
- Our strengthened ties with the Archdiocese. This important relationship has supported us in our work and our Vincentian vocation.
- The upgrade of our information technology infrastructure through the provision of a \$1.4 million grant from Lotterywest to support our volunteer management, communication and welfare support.
- The inception of the Vinnies CEO Sleepout event, now in its third year, and the success of this event in its advocacy and fundraising role. Being present on each of those cold nights to witness the warmth and generosity of our WA business leaders and their genuine commitment to supporting people in need in our state has been a privilege.
- The generous response and love shown by the WA community through the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society toward victims of the myriad of natural disasters that have affected so many.

- The opening and upgrade of fourteen Vinnies Centres across our state and the wonderful support of our 1800 volunteers in these Centres – all working to support the work of the Society with great joy, camaraderie and humour.
- The opening of the new Peel Passages Resource Centre, the commitment and support of this service by business and community leaders such as David Reed and Jack Bendat and the incredible support this service now provides to young people vulnerable and homeless in the Peel and surrounding communities.
- The announcement by the State Government of a new partnership with the Society and \$5.4 million in funding to build a new night shelter, to be named 'Tom Fisher House', which will provide a safe haven for our most vulnerable homeless community. This shelter is on its way in the very near future.

During my term I have met many people from all across Western Australia all united in their wish to assist those most marginalised in our community.

I have been humbled by the generosity of the community through

our fundraising efforts – I would like to personally thank each and every benefactor and corporate and community partners for your support – your donations, support and encouragement has allowed the Society to continue its work and be in a position to respond to the ever changing needs of the community over what has been particularly tumultuous economic times for all, but in particular those most vulnerable.

As President I have spent countless hours working alongside our management team and staff and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the tremendous dedication of this group of people. Thank you to every member of the management team and all staff for your efforts over the past year and during my term, I hold such great respect and admiration for the work you do and for your commitment to the Society and the people it assists.

I acknowledge and thank our members and volunteers for the work they have undertaken in the community over the past year. I have witnessed firsthand during my term the love, joy and hope you have given each and every person that has called on us for support - your work changes lives every day. I have been a member of the

Society for 38 years and my work as an active member will continue in my local community and I look forward to working alongside you in solidarity as a Vincentian.

To my fellow State Councillors, thank you for your support and friendship, the role of a board member is not without its challenges, but as always State Council over the past year has risen to them and continued to make decisions that have only strengthened the Society and its mission.

As I close my term and bid farewell as President I believe the Society is in place to go forward in strength and unity under the leadership of its new President. I leave my role with the faith and knowledge that it is in strong and capable hands and on behalf of the Society I welcome Jeff Trew to the role of State President and offer him my support as a Vincentian, as I know all members, volunteers and staff will. I hope over Jeff's four year term that he has the joy and honour of meeting as many of you as I have.

I wish you all peace, happiness and every one of God's blessings.

Clément Astruc
State President

CEO's Message



The past year has seen an increase in the demand for the services offered by the Society in Western Australia. Requests for housing support and to pay utility bills reflect the pressures felt in the broader community and have prompted the Society to look at how we can have a greater impact in the community and build on the successes we have in Western Australia.

Over the past twelve months the Society has been presented with a number of challenges, but ones that have been overcome through an embracing of our mission by our members, volunteers and staff. Many of the challenges faced by the Society have resulted from an increasing demand from the community, driven by issues such as increases in basic necessities such as housing, power, gas, and more. Our costs to support finding or keeping people in accommodation increased by 39% during the financial year, while costs for the provision of food increased by 12%. February 2012 saw the opening of the Passages Resource Centre in Peel. Made possible through the support of the Perth community, particularly Mr Jack Bendat OAM, Passages Peel has already become an important part of the community in Mandurah and the broader Peel region, providing services and support to over 270 young people in its short history. The Passages Resource Centres, both in Northbridge and Mandurah, continue

to be regarded as the beacon for youth homeless services in Western Australia. Having provided services to more than 800 young people of ages between 12 and 25 in the past twelve months, the success stories of having transitioned young people into housing, successfully supporting their efforts to find employment and helping them in their quest for a university education continue to reinforce the success of this wonderful service.

Critical to the Society's success has been the support of the corporate and general community. The 2012 Vinnies CEO Sleepout was the best yet, with the highest number of participants in the history of the event in WA. On average, Western Australia raised more per participant than any other State or Territory in the country, illustrating what a generous community we live in. More importantly, events such as the Vinnies CEO Sleepout are having an impact on the way our community views homelessness and the need to create a better, more compassionate community. I have been fortunate

to meet with participants of the Sleepout who continue to tell stories of their own and how they have helped individuals as a direct result of participating in the event. Adding to the success of the Vinnies CEO Sleepout the 2012 Winter Appeal has also been the Society's most successful yet. The giving spirit of the community has again shone through what has been a difficult year for an increasing number of West Australians. Without the support of the community in providing donations, clothing, furniture, and more the Society could not support and have the success it has in serving Christ in the poor. My sincere thanks and gratitude go to our volunteers and staff, all of whom continue to contribute to, grow and improve the Society. The dedication and enthusiasm of all is infectious and the commitment to serving the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy has been unwavering. I have been touched by how our staff and volunteers continue to give so much to the Society and those we serve.

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The year ahead will pose many challenges for Western Australians. By embedding strong foundations the Society will be well placed to support the marginalised in the community. With the ongoing support of our dedicated State Council and Committee structures and an effective team of people supporting us, I am confident that the services we deliver will continue to meet the changing needs of the community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Fitzpatrick'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light-colored background.

Mark Fitzpatrick
Chief Executive Officer



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Our History

The St Vincent de Paul Society – Beginnings

The St Vincent de Paul Society continues to honour its patron and founder and its members remain inspired by their teachings and the example of their lives.



Frederic Ozanam - Founder

The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded in Paris in 1833 by Frederic Ozanam.

At the time, Frederic was 20 years old and a student at Sorbonne University. France was experiencing tremendous political and social upheaval, Frederic along with six of his university colleagues wanted to respond in a practical way to the poverty and hardship they saw around them. Frederic and his group visited people in their homes offering them friendship and support. This practice, known as Home Visitation, remains the core activity of the St Vincent de Paul Society members and volunteers today.

The group formed by Ozanam and his friends became known as the first 'conference' of the St Vincent de Paul Society. They met regularly as a group to discuss the challenge of assisting the poor and offered each other mutual support in their spiritual vocation.

Frederic Ozanam died in 1853, aged forty. At the time of his death there were approximately 2,000 conferences operating throughout the world.

Frederic Ozanam was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1997.



St Vincent de Paul – Patron

The Society is named after St Vincent de Paul, who was born in Southern France and ordained a priest in the year 1600 at the age of 19.

As a young man he ministered to the wealthy; it wasn't until he was appointed to a poor parish that his vocation to work with those most powerless and marginalised was inspired. From then on he devoted his life to helping the underprivileged. There was no form of poverty - physical, emotional or spiritual, which he did not try to alleviate. Vincent pledged his life to the sick, insane, orphaned, old, starving and imprisoned.

He urged his followers to bring God's justice and love to people who were unable to live a full life.

"Deal with those most urgent needs. Organise charity so that it is more efficient....teach reading and writing, educate with an aim of giving each the means of self support. Intervene with authorities to obtain reforms in structure....there is not charity without justice."

The Society in WA

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic organisation that lives the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

The St Vincent de Paul Society operates in 130 countries and has over 950,000 members worldwide. In Australia the Society is active in every State and Territory; there are currently 40,000 members and volunteers nationally.

Western Australia's inaugural conference, the Perth Conference, was launched on 8 December 1865, just 32 years after the first conference was founded in Paris.

For over 147 years through local parish based volunteer groups and Special Works, the St Vincent de Paul Society has sought to create a more just and compassionate society by responding directly to needs identified in the community.

The Society is made up of committed men and women of all backgrounds and ages who have made a commitment to the mission of the Society and who work together in unity to assist people in need in the West Australian community.

OUR PEOPLE - 11/12

Conferences	78
Members	983
Number of new Members in 11/12	132
Young Adult & School Conferences	15
Vinnies Youth Members & Volunteers	775
Centres & Depot	45
Vinnies Retail Centre & Depot Volunteers	1,852
Call Centre Volunteers	44
Other Volunteers	50
Full Time Staff	80
Part Time Staff	31
Casual Staff	12



GOOD WORKS – Our Faith in Action

As one of the state's leading charities, the St Vincent de Paul Society provides a helping hand to Western Australians in need through the provision of support and care when they need it most.

The Society's core work of Emergency Relief welfare is undertaken through Home Visitations by members of the Society.

The Society also has a number of Special Works that provide professional care and support to some of our communities most marginalised – people experiencing homelessness, people living with mental illness, refugees and migrants, disadvantaged children and teens.

Conferences & Home Visitation

Members of the Society, known as Vincentians, live out their faith in action by assisting people in need. Members form small parish based groups that make up the membership of the Society called 'conferences'.

In the spirit of its founders, conferences deliver the core work of the Society by assisting people in their homes through Home Visitations, which foster an atmosphere of dignity, trust and respect. Conference members meet regularly to provide mutual support, spiritual reflection and to discuss how best to respond to the people they assist.



Conferences respond to calls from people in need in their local communities - they provide Emergency Relief assistance through food, material aid, budget advice, utility bills, advocacy issues as well as friendship and support. The assistance given is prompt and focused on both the short and long-term well-being of the recipient.

The fundamental work of conferences in the last financial year was visiting people in their homes to provide a hand up in a time of need. Work was conducted with people, rather than for them, retaining dignity through compassion.

Home Visits were carried out in pairs by conference members. They continued on a regular basis, providing

the support and encouragement necessary to allow people to take control of their lives.

Conference members and volunteers provided assistance through:

- Advocacy
- Aged care visits
- Assistance to Refugees and Migrants
- Assistance with utility bills
- Budget advice through appointed Financial Counsellors
- Clothing
- Family support
- Food vouchers
- Friendship
- Furniture
- Prison visits
- School Support
- Visits to the sick

The organisation of Emergency Relief welfare, Conferences and Home Visitations is done through the coordination of Regions across Western Australia.

Regions in Western Australia:

- Fremantle
- Isolated
- Joondalup/Wanneroo
- Osborne Park
- Peel
- Perth
- Queens Park
- South West
- Swan

Special Works

Special Works are a professional facility, program or service run by the St Vincent de Paul Society and arise out of a need which cannot be met within the normal scope of the conference. Special Works provide a specific service and focus on ensuring the social, economic and political pressures placed on disadvantaged Western Australians are lessened.

Special Works are managed and supported by a combination of members, volunteers and paid employees.

While the Vinnies Centres are the most well known of the Society's Special Works and are often the first point of contact for the community. Many of the Society's Special Works provide care and support to some of our communities most marginalised.

There are currently 9 Special Works in Western Australia, these are:

- Clothing & Furniture Depot
- Household Formation & Support
- Migrant and Refugee Support
- Overseas Partnerships & Development
- Passages Resource Centre
- Social Justice Advocacy
- Vincentcare
- Vinnies Retail Centres
- Vinnies Youth

Home Visits & Emergency Relief Support

People assisted through Home Visitations

Number of Home Visits 28,835
Number People Assisted 79,203

Demographic of People Assisted

Couples with Children 16%
Couples without Children 6%
Singles with Children 43%
Singles without Children 33%
New Clients 39%
Repeat Clients 61%

Types of Assistance Requested

Bedding 6%
Clothing 7%
Food 84%
Furniture 10%
Utility Bills 14%
Other 19%

Increases in Welfare Expenditure

Accommodation 39%
Education -13%
Food Vouchers & Purchases 12%
Household Goods - 47%
Medical Expenses 30%
Migrant & Refugee Support -18%
Other -5%
Utility Assistance 19%
Youth Services 30%

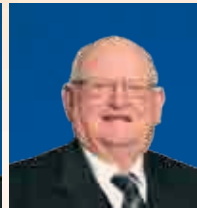
State Council

Each Region in Western Australia is represented on State Council by an elected Regional President who through their participation on Council have direct input into the strategic direction of the Society. State Council consists of 19 members all of whom, except the CEO who acts in an ex-officio role, are volunteers. State Council also includes a number of appointed members who act as office bearers, including Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Youth Representatives, Secretary and Spiritual Advisor. State Council meets monthly to review the strategic direction of the Society ensuring the ethos and mission of the Society is adhered to at all times.

Current State Council:



State President
Jeff Trew



Vice President
David Fitzgerald



Vice President
Terry Power



Vice President
Prof Michael Gillooly



Chief Executive Officer
Mark Fitzpatrick



State Treasurer
Robert Burns



Society Chaplain
Rev Father David Halstead



President
Fremantle Region
Ian Digney



President Isolated Region
Frances Grey



President Joondalup/
Wanneroo Region
Tom Loreck



President Peel Region
Jim Mather



President Perth Region
Patrick Durack



President Queens
Park Region
Kevin Sealey



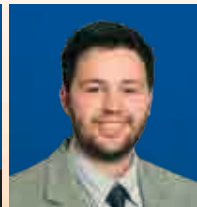
President Osborne
Park Region
Stephanie Tenger



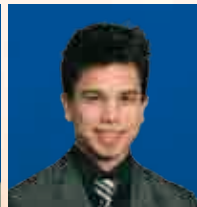
President South West Region
Loellen Clark



President Swan Region
Trevor Knuckey



State Youth
Representative
Jake Thresher



State Youth
Representative
Keenan Klassen



State Council Secretary
Annette Ellis

We also acknowledge and thank the following State Councillors whose terms ended during 11/12



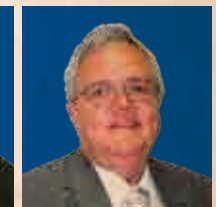
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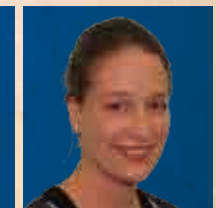
Spiritual Advisor Father
Pat Cunningham



President Joondalup/
Wanneroo Region
Pat Cunneen



President Peel Region
Vince Spargo



State Youth
Representative
Patricia Green

As well as State Council the Society has a number of Advisory Committees & Boards that oversee and assist the Special Works of the Society.

Special Works & Advisory Committee & Boards Chairpersons

Finance Committee	Robert Burns
Formation & Training Committee	Jeff Trew
Governance Committee	Michael Gillooly
Mental Health & Homelessness Advisory Committee	John Lazberger
OS&H Committee	Frank Brown JP
Overseas Partnerships & Development Committee	Annette Ellis
Passages Resource Centre Board	David Reed OAM
Refugee & Migrant Committee	Frank Pelusey
Social Justice Committee	Patrick Durack/Kevin Sealey
Spirituality Committee	Clément Astruc
State Archivists	Thomas Fisher OAM JP & Annette Ellis
State Centres Board	David Reed OAM
State Youth Committee	Keenan Klassen/Jake Thresher

Management Team

Chief Executive Officer	Mark Fitzpatrick
Chief Financial Officer	Brian Niedzwiecki
Clothing & Furniture Depot Manager	Frank Brown JP
Human Resources Manager	Stanley Webb
Information System Manager	Ray Smith
Member & Volunteer Services Manager	Rebecca Callaghan
Public Relations & Fundraising Manager	Lucinda Ardagh
State Retail Manager	Allison Stedman
Vincentcare & Passages Manager	Yvonne Pallier

The Society's Work Across WA

Conferences & Emergency Relief Assistance	78
Remote Community Emergency Relief Assistance	40
Centres & Depots	45
Accommodation & Homeless Services	17
Members	1,543
Volunteers	2,161
Staff	123





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Fremantle Region



Hassan's story

When Persian-born Hassan was referred to the St Vincent de Paul Society for assistance he had a serious medical condition and was also suffering from severe post traumatic stress following years of persecution in his home land of Iran.

The 40 year old bachelor left Tehran in 2011 after a couple of unaccountable incidents which made him start to fear for his life.

By this time the stress of the ordeal was beginning to affect Hassan's health and while in detention on Christmas Island he suffered a heart attack. Help was administered quickly but the defibrillator malfunctioned. Clinically dead for eight minutes, Hassan was kept alive by CPR while a second defibrillator was found. Once stabilised, he was flown to Perth and treated in Hospital. When doctor's felt he had recovered sufficiently from the heart attack, Hassan was discharged and sent to the detention centre at Perth Airport until Immigration officials investigated his case.

Somewhere on Hassan's journey to residency in Western Australia he slipped and fell heavily on his back, damaging his spine and restricting his mobility.

When volunteers at the conference met Hassan he was unable to work, in a very distressed state with pain and in need of assistance. He was given food, a phone card, assisted to set up an account with a local chemist and advice about HUGS. As Hassan has a significant language problem the conference also acted as an advocate on numerous occasions. They also arranged an appointment with a financial counsellor.

Hassan is now on a Disability pension and sharing a three bedroom unit with two other Iranian men. St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers continue to visit him and on each occasion, Hassan has thanked volunteers for the assistance and support they have given him. He has told them he hopes it will not be long before he is self supporting and independent of welfare.

Frank's story

When St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers were asked by hospital welfare officers to help their elderly patient, Frank, who was being discharged after major back surgery, it was clear that the 79 year old was in an extremely distressed state.

Frank's wife of 30 years had died six weeks earlier, he had no family and as Frank had been in hospital for the last three of those weeks, he was still struggling to come to terms with his loss. Frank was paying rent for his house and although it was hard to make ends meet, he had not applied for a pension or social security as he had been self employed in the past and had always 'managed' to pay the bills.

This time things were a lot different however as his wife's medical and funeral expenses and then his own medical expenses had used up all his savings. Coming home to an empty house, with no food in the cupboards, missing his wife and realising the serious financial situation he was in magnified the feeling of extreme

helplessness and loneliness. He had never previously needed any assistance and felt very embarrassed that he was two months in arrears with the rent – a situation he had never envisaged.

When volunteers first visited Frank, they brought food and calmed the situation by listening to him talk about his wife. They also helped him to adjust to being home from hospital. On a second visit a few days later, they brought Frank extra food, discussed his application for the pension and made sure he felt he had support and someone to contact if needed.

As time has gone on, Frank has come to terms with his life and he is extremely grateful for all the support and assistance given to him by the St Vincent de Paul Society. He now has an aged pension and has made arrangements with his landlord to pay the rent in arrears over time. He is also aware that the volunteers are a phone call away for support should he need assistance.

Names have been changed to protect the privacy of our clients.

Regional President

Ian Digney

Number of Conferences

6

Conferences

Bateman - St Thomas More
Beaconsfield - Christ the King
Hilton - Our Lady of Mt Carmel
Palmyra - Our Lady of Fatima
Willetton - Saints John & Paul
Yangebup - Mater Christi

Number of Members

98

Number of Centres

4

Centres

High Street Fremantle Retro
Hilton
Myaree
Willetton

Number of Home Visits

2,292

Number of Assisted Individuals

7,478

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$147,893

Regional President

Frances Grey

Number of Conferences

10

Conferences

Albany - St Joseph's

Carnarvon - St Mary Star of the Sea

Denmark - St Mary's

Fitzroy Crossing - Welfare through the Geraldton Conference

Geraldton - St Frances Xavier

Kalgoorlie - St Mary's

Karratha - St Paul's

Narrogin - St Matthew's

Roebourne - Welfare through the Daughters of Charity

South Hedland - St John the Baptist

Number of Members

83

Number of Centres

7

Centres

Albany

Albany Depot

Kalgoorlie

Karratha

Geraldton

South Hedland

Toodyay

Number of Home Visits

2,979

Number of Assisted Individuals

7,751

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$332,738

Isolated Region



Janet's story

Janet endured her partner's violent tempers and physical beatings in a desperate effort to keep her family together, but after her seventh child was born and her partner's brutality continued to increase, she made the tough decision to move out of the home and into a women's refuge with her children until some alternate accommodation could be found.

Janet's lively children, two girls and five boys, range between 3-18 years. So when her former partner's parents, invited Janet and her family to come and live nearby, she jumped at the chance.

But with little family assistance, and

having very little money for furniture, bedding and food, Janet called into the St Vincent de Paul Society to ask for help. The family was already on a parenting payment so volunteers managed to find her a three bedroom private rental cottage and furnished it with donated items. Volunteers then introduced Janet to a Financial Counsellor to help her plan a strict budgeting program that would ensure the rent would be paid on time and there would always be food in the cupboards for the children.

With no organised youth activities in the town there was very little for the children to do after school or at the weekends.

The highlight of their week was a visit from the volunteers who brought a freshly baked cake when they called in to see the family.

As Janet was originally from northern Australia, she was aware of the Aboriginal Indigenous Education Foundation, so the St Vincent de Paul Society helped her to apply for scholarships for her two older children. Her eldest daughter is now in Darwin completing Year 12 and hopes to study nursing. Her eldest son is in Perth on an AFL scholarship and completing Year 10. Janet is also planning to move her remaining five children to Perth to give them more opportunities and to also be closer to her son.

Janet says she hates to think what might have become of her and the children had they not had the regular support of the St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers and she has gone out of her way to show her gratitude for the help that pulled her out of poverty and back on to her feet again.

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Joondalup/Wanneroo Region



Ann Marie's story

Ann-Marie is a single parent in her early 40's who shares the joint custody of two sons, aged 10 and five years with her estranged husband. She was homeless for eight months in 2011 following the flight from an abusive marriage situation. With very little money to live on, Ann-Marie and the boys moved from friend to friend, sleeping on spare beds, sofas or cushions with blankets on the floor. The stressful lifestyle made her clinically depressed and suicidal.

In November 2011, Ann-Marie found an unfurnished home with affordable rental and moved into it with her sons and another female tenant. Ann-Marie had no money to furnish the empty house, so she contacted the St Vincent de Paul Society Call Centre to seek assistance. Conference members received the referral and immediately provided the family with beds, bedding, a heater, fridge, crockery, cutlery and cooking pots and utensils.

The conference placed Ann-Marie on their Family Friends program and she is contacted and visited regularly by two appointed friends who she can call at any time. Volunteers also provide food parcels from time to time to ensure both mother and sons are eating well.

Ann-Marie is very grateful for the assistance given to her by the conference. She has thanked the volunteers and says when she looks around her home today she feels a great sense of warmth and love that has come from the St Vincent de Paul Society's unconditional support and friendship. This love has enabled her to make a fresh start and to give back to the community whenever she can.

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Regional President

Tom Loreck

Number of Conferences

6

Conferences

Clarkson - St Andrews

Greenwood - All Saints

Ocean Reef - Saint Simon Peter

Wanneroo - St Anthony of Padua

Whitfords - Our Lady of Missions

Woodvale - St Luke

Number of Members

102

Number of Centres

3

Centres

Clarkson/Ocean Keys

Heathridge

Wanneroo

Number of Home Visits

1,527

Number of Assisted Individuals

5,297

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$200,911

Osborne Park Region

Regional President

Stephanie Tenger

Number of Conferences

11

Conferences

Balcatta - St Lawrence & Mary

Immaculate

Ballajura - Blessed Mary MacKillop

City Beach/Scarborough - Holy Spirit

Girrawheen - Our Lady of Mercy

Joondanna - St Denis

Karrinyup/Innaloo - St Dominic's

Mirrabooka - St Gerard Majella

Nollamara - Our Lady of Lourdes

North Beach - Our Lady of Grace

Osborne Park - St Kieran's

Woodlands - Our Lady of the Rosary

Number of Members

141

Number of Centres

5

Centres

Girrawheen

Innaloo

Nollamara

Osborne Park Centre & Depot

Scarborough

Number of Home Visits

3,250

Number of Assisted Individuals

11,570

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$238,574

Robert's story

Conference members received frequent calls from Robert in 2011. The young man had fallen and as a result suffered brain damage and is confined to a wheelchair.

Robert's mother cared for him until she died and now he is living in a unit fitted out to meet his special needs.

Members of the conference were worried how he was managing on his own, but when volunteers called in to see him, they found he was coping well.

Last Christmas, conference members took Robert a Christmas hamper and good wishes from the St Vincent de Paul Society. Recently Robert has started to call the conference again.



It is apparent that his thinking is affected by the injuries he suffered in his accident. While Robert is not in need of emergency relief assistance, the St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers feel the calls are Robert's need for support and companionship and so he is receiving visits from friendly people who are concerned about his welfare and talk to him about his situation. Conference members wish they could do more, but hope their presence and support is sufficient. They will continue to maintain contact with him into the future.

Sandra's story

Sandra has been assisted by the St Vincent de Paul Society over a number of years and a close and trusting friendship, coupled with comfort and compassion has developed between her and the volunteers who visit her on a regular basis.

A single parent in her early 40's, Sandra's husband left her with four children, two girls and two boys. One son, Stephen, was diagnosed with cancer in his early 20's and spent a lot of time in hospital. Sandra also looked after him at home where he needed constant care, including dialysis, before he passed away in 2009.

Over this difficult period for the family, the conference provided furniture, bedding, and food and helped to pay utility bills that avoided disconnection of services to the home.

Understandably, Sandra's second son found it hard to cope with the loss of his brother. In his late teens at the time, he got into trouble with the Law and devastated his mother by having to spend a short period in prison.

Conference members, aware of the hard time Sandra was having, visited her frequently showing compassion and assisting the family when required.

Sandra's two daughters, Kristy and Tricia, now young adults, both have children. Kristy has an 18 month old daughter and is pregnant with a second child. She lives with Sandra. Tricia has two sons that Sandra cares for while her daughter is at work.

Towards the end of 2011 Sandra was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and is currently having extensive medical treatment. Fortunately the prognosis looks good and she is responding well although it will take her some time to fully recover from her ordeal.

Members of the conference support Sandra with home visits and recently provided food and payment of utility bills. The St Vincent de Paul Society's support for Sandra and her family will continue as long as it is needed.

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Peel Region

Tom's story

Tom, a bachelor in his early 50's came to the St Vincent de Paul Society asking for assistance to complete MARCSTA (Mining and Resource Contractors Safety Training Association) training. He had been unemployed for many months and was struggling with high private rental on a Newstart Allowance.

One of the more successful job interviews was for a position as a sub contractor with a major refining company. However Tom was told he would need the training completed before he could work on site and that if he did not join by the next week, he would lose the job opportunity.

The St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers contacted the trainer who confirmed that the price of the fees and that it had to be paid in advance before Tom could participate in the course. As speed was the essence, an invoice was requested and the payment made by the conference. Tom completed the course and is now happily employed.

He is extremely grateful for the emergency assistance he received. Without it he would have lost the job opportunity. He has thanked the volunteers that changed his life from one of struggle to a regular income. Tom has promised to support the St Vincent de Paul Society whenever he has the opportunity.

Ruth's story

Earlier this year the St Vincent de Paul Society was approached to help eight year old Ruth who urgently needed orthodontic treatment. Ruth is being cared for by her grandmother and the child's teeth were in a bad state and required immediate intervention.

Government assistance does not include this type of dental care. Volunteers suggested that Finucare approach other organisations for financial help. In this case the St Vincent de Paul Society along with other organisations were pleased to donate funds toward the cost of the treatment.



Finucare wrote to the conference expressing their sincere gratitude for the assistance provided and Ruth's grandmother was also extremely grateful that her granddaughter could receive the much needed orthodontic treatment. Volunteers were pleased to be able to work in with the other agencies to help make life better for Ruth in the future. It would not have been possible without joint agency participation.

John & Cynthia's story

Late in 2011 the St Vincent de Paul Society met a young couple, John and Cynthia, who were living in a Caravan Park. The pair were going through tough times and finding work in the district hard to come by. The conference could see that with a hand up, John and Cynthia would be able to get back on their feet again. Volunteers provided emergency relief in the form of food parcels and direction for them to follow up on rental housing and employment.

Recently the couple called in to thank conference volunteers for their help. They had been successful in obtaining a rental in the metropolitan area and John had secured employment with a large hardware outlet. He has also started a horticulture course at TAFE and hopes to eventually find employment in land management within the mining and resource industries.

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Regional President

Jim Mather

Number of Conferences

5

Conferences

Kwinana - St Vincent's
Mandurah - Our Lady's Assumption
Pinjarra - St Augustine's
Rockingham - Our Lady of Lourdes
Waroona - St Patrick's/St Joseph's

Number of Members

71

Number of Centres

5

Centres

Kwinana
Mandurah
Pinjarra
Rockingham
Rockingham Depot

Number of Home Visits

5,290

Number of Assisted Individuals

15,169

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$573,267

Perth Region

Regional President

Patrick Durack

Number of Conferences

7

Conferences

Bedford/Inglewood - St Peter the Apostle

Claremont - St Thomas the Apostle

Leederville - St Mary's

Nedlands - Holy Rosary

North Perth/Highgate - Redemptorist Monastery

Subiaco - St Joseph's

Wembley - St Cecilia's

Number of Members

118

Number of Centres

5

Centres

Claremont

Maylands

North Perth

William Street Northbridge Retro

Wembley

Number of Home Visits

1,281

Number of Assisted Individuals

2,592

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$99,464



Alessa's story

The St Vincent de Paul Society received a call from a concerned community member in June 2011 relating to a young woman in need of food assistance. Two members of the local conference called at her home and found a young mother, her son and an older grandmother.

The young woman, whose name was Alessa, was very embarrassed to admit there was no food in the house and at having to accept help, but she responded well when one of the conference members could speak her language.

Since that time, one of the conference members has become friendly with Alessa and her mother. Their lives have begun to improve and Alessa has started her studies at TAFE and is well on the way to a more successful life. This is one of many instances where the Society's involvement was required for only a single hand up and Alessa acknowledges that the St Vincent de Paul Society's help at that time made all the difference and gave her the 'breathing space' she needed to get back on her feet again.

Alessa is intending to achieve reciprocity of her overseas dental qualification in due course. She and her family are grateful for the assistance they received and have vowed to donate their time to helping others through the St Vincent de Paul Society in the future.



Joan's story

Loneliness and depression are two of the most common problems faced by elderly people who live on their own and are housebound due to illness. Joan is one such person who is regularly visited by volunteers of the St Vincent de Paul Society. She has no family support, was living in a large two storey, three bed unit and two years ago she was forced to give up her job, due to a serious heart condition. As she had few friends in the suburb where she lived, no car and was reliant on limited public transport in the area, she became depressed and lonely.

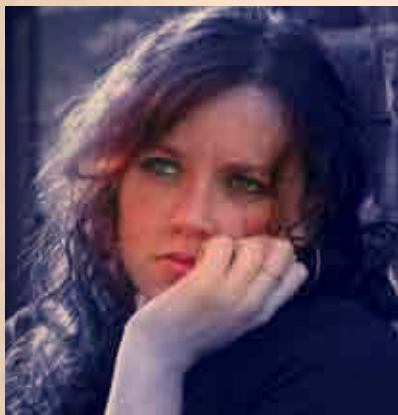
Joan had applied to Homeswest for a two bed unit near shops and transport some two years ago without success. She spoke to volunteers at her local conference about her situation and the volunteers decided to contact them on her behalf, and ask them to consider her application.

Due to the direct request from St Vincent de Paul Society the application was successful and Joan has moved to a two-bed unit, close to shops and transport. Joan is now able to engage in local community activities and is a much happier and more content person. She is very grateful for all the assistance given to her and says the move would never have taken place without the help and support of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Hearing that her application was approved, volunteers were delighted that Joan was happier and managing well in her new surroundings.

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Queens Park Region



Felicity's story

When Felicity, a young single university student in her early 20's came to ask St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers for a small amount of food to tide her over until her next allowance was paid into her bank account, it was immediately apparent that she was finding it very hard to live on her low income and to balance her living expenses (rent, food and transport to the university) with her study costs.

That particular month, Felicity had paid out \$50 for photocopying that was essential in order to complete one of her course units, but the outlay had left her short of food money.

Felicity lived alone with only a small dog for company, and was visited on occasion for support with food and was always extremely grateful for what was given. It was clear that she was a person who was working hard for a qualification that would give her a better life.

Recently Felicity called in to tell conference volunteers who had supported her during her time of need that she had gained her Degree qualification. She thanked them very sincerely, saying she could not have achieved her success without the occasional food parcels that had enabled her to meet her living and study needs.

Helen's story

Transporting a severely disabled 12 year old boy between his home, school and medical appointments is an extremely difficult process under normal circumstances, but when, as a parent, you have a car with an engine that cuts for no apparent reason in heavy traffic, the situation can be not only unnerving for the driver and passengers, but dangerous.



Helen is a single mother with three teenage children. The youngest, 12 year old Jamie is severely disabled, and he requires a lot of transporting through the day to various classes and appointments.

Helen's old model car has created major problems for her over the last few years when the engine would suddenly stop mid-journey and she would have to wait at least 20 minutes on the side of the road before the engine would come to life again. In peak hour traffic times, this was a nightmare, particularly if Jamie needed attention.

Over this period, various mechanics looked at the car to try to locate the problem with no success. As Helen's carer's pension and budget could not stretch to another second hand car, she approached the St Vincent de Paul Society for help.

As talks progressed with various dealers, volunteers had Helen's existing car engine examined again and mechanics found that the car had a heat switch that cut out the ignition when the engine

overheated. This has now been fixed and so far is proving to be quite reliable.

Volunteers have written on Helen's behalf to see if a suitable van can be found. Such a vehicle will save Helen having to lift Jamie in and out of the back seat of her existing car and into his wheelchair. A van would also be safer and more comfortable for Jamie to travel in.

As the van is still an ongoing project but Helen lives in hope that some good news on the van will arrive soon. She is very grateful for the assistance the St Vincent de Paul Society has given her and says she hates to think of the transport difficulties she and Jamie would be facing now without their help to get her mobile again.

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Regional President

Kevin Sealey

Number of Conferences

13

Conferences

Armadale - St Francis Xavier
Bentley - Santa Clara
Canning Vale - St Emilee de Vialar
Carlisle - Holy Name
Como - Holy Family
Curtin - Student Guild
East Victoria Park - Our Lady Help of Christians
Gosnells - Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Maddington - Holy Family
Queens Park - St Joseph's
Riverton - Our Lady Queen of Apostles
Rivervale - St Augustine's
Thornlie - Sacred Heart

Number of Members

159

Number of Centres

4

Centres

Armadale
 Gosnells
 Rivervale
 Victoria Park

Number of Home Visits

5,547

Number of Assisted Individuals

9,126

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$619,694

South West Region

Regional President

Loellen Clark

Number of Conferences

9

Conferences

Australind - Christ of the Living Vine

Bridgetown - St Brigid's

Bunbury - St Patrick's

Busselton - St Joseph's

Collie - St Brigid's

Dunsborough - Our Lady of the Southern Cross

Harvey - Our Lady of Immaculate Conception

Manjimup - St Joseph's

Margaret River - St Thomas More

Number of Members

114

Number of Centres

7

Centres

Bunbury

Bunbury Depot

Busselton

Collie

Dunsborough

Manjimup

Margaret River

Number of Home Visits

2,623

Number of Assisted Individuals

5,716

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$219,843



Rosemary's story

Rosemary has raised a nephew (6) and niece (5) since their birth, plus is caring for an older cousin who is staying with them and is intellectually challenged. The children belong to Rosemary's sister who is fighting an addiction problem and unable to care for them.

When rentals in Perth became too costly, the family moved to the south west of Western Australia. They found a house with an affordable rental, but it was unfurnished, so the family slept on the floor the first night and came to the St Vincent de Paul Society the following morning for assistance. Moving from Perth had taken most

of their savings; they had no food and could not afford to go to buy any. The parenting income that Rosemary received for the children had been used for the bond and rent in advance.

By the time the family arrived at the St Vincent de Paul Society they had not eaten. Everyone was hungry and Rosemary was sick. Conference members were very sympathetic with the family's plight and visited them reasonably often in the first week to help them work through their problems.

The conference was able to help the family with food, furniture, bedding, cooking utensils, cutlery, crockery and additional clothing. Volunteers also took Rosemary to the doctor and paid for her

prescription. They returned to the home the following day to assist Rosemary with the treatment of her infection, took her to book the children into the local school and show her where the hospital was in case she needed further medical treatment that night.

Rosemary and her family are now well set up and comfortable in their new home and very grateful for the assistance given to them by the St Vincent de Paul Society. Conference volunteers will continue to visit the family to check on Rosemary's health and the children's schooling.

Lisa's story

Recently, Lisa came to ask for some assistance. She was escaping from domestic violence in her home town of Sydney and had come to Western Australia to stay with friends on a property in the south west. Lisa was relying heavily on the support of her friends here as her pension was being used to pay the rental on her Sydney home.

She was extremely grateful for the support the Society could give her in the way of food vouchers that assisted her to contribute to the household she was in.

When it came time to return to Sydney to deal with the domestic violence against her, Lisa was worried about how she would pay for her bus fare to Perth and the airport. The St Vincent de Paul Society offered to assist her with the fare, but when it was realised there would be no bus in her area that day, the conference helped to put fuel in the vehicle of a friend who would drive her to the airport instead. The volunteers believe this help will allow Lisa to get on with her future and live a happy and positive life.

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Swan Region



Cathy's story

A single mother with three children, aged 11, eight and two years. Cathy tries hard to make ends meet on her sole parent allowance, plus child allowances for two of her three children. One child does not receive any assistance.

When conference members visited Cathy initially it was apparent that she was finding it hard to cope financially, she had a number of overdue utility accounts, was very low on food and the children's clothing and bedding were in poor condition. Volunteers provided her with food vouchers, clothing and bedding. Arrangements were also made for her to pay the

utility accounts in small increments and receive budgeting advice.

Although the accommodation that Cathy is in now has improved, the family continues to struggle with payment of the utility accounts. The conference has suggested that she trial a voluntary income management program to reduce her worry about meeting her bills. They continue to keep in touch with Cathy and her family and will support them with friendship until their situation is more settled.

Alan's story

Alan, a 23 year old with intellectual disabilities, was referred to his local conference by his father when the young man fell into arrears with his rent and was facing eviction of his private rental. Alan shares the house with two other young bachelors of a similar age.

Alan was on a Disability Pension and had no organised payment method set up to pay his rent. The conference arranged an appointment for Alan, his father and the volunteers to meet with the St Vincent de Paul Society Financial Counsellor and Alan choose the option to go on to Voluntary Income Management. An appointment was then set up with Centrelink and conference members, who by then had established a trusting relationship with Alan, accompanied him to give help and support. Alan now has rent paid direct to the real estate agent and also a Basics Card for food and a small amount of money paid into his savings account.

The conference then went with Alan to the Department of Housing to apply to go on the waiting list for public housing. They also networked with Centrecare for rent assistance and Centrecare agreed to also provide support.



The next step was to negotiate with the Real Estate and arrange for payment of overdue rent to be paid over a period of time. The volunteers and Alan met with the other tenants who agreed to pay their share of the rent, either through Newstart or direct debit through the bank. The rent problem is now under control and the Real Estate is happy and has agreed to withdraw the eviction notice.

Now that Alan is able to manage his finances with assistance, the St Vincent de Paul Society has referred him to a local employment agency for people with disabilities to obtain a few hours work a week to boost both his self esteem and his finances.

Conference members continue to stay in touch with Alan and give him support when needed. Both Alan and his father are very grateful for the help given to them by the St Vincent de Paul Society.

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Regional President

Trevor Knuckey

Number of Conferences

11

Conferences

Bassendean - St Joseph's
Belmont/Redcliffe/Cloverdale - Notre Dame
Bullsbrook - St Matthew's
Embleton/Bayswater - Holy Trinity
Greenmount - St Anthony's
Kalamunda - Holy Family
Lesmurdie - Our Lady of Lourdes
Lockridge - Good Shepherd
Maida Vale - St Francis of Assisi
Midland - St Brigid's
Morley/Dianella - Infant Jesus

Number of Members

97

Number of Centres

4

Centres

Belmont
 Bassendean
 Midland
 Morley

Number of Home Visits

4,046

Number of Assisted Individuals

14,504

Amount of Welfare Distributed

\$433,959



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Special Works

Vinnies Youth

Overview

Vinnies Youth provides educational support and recreational opportunities for disadvantaged children and teens in a safe and supportive environment. It runs a range of programs including Buddy Days, Camps, Homework Centres, Roadshows and Youth Conferences.

Linda's story

Linda is a single parent with children aged 11-19. All but the eldest have attended Vinnies camps for the last four years. While one of the children was on camp this year it was discovered that the family was homeless. The children were staying with friends and Linda was living in her car.

Linda also had cancer, needed surgery and had no where to go afterwards for recovery. The St Vincent de Paul Society was able to assist Linda find accommodation for the family. Linda is thankful that her children have the opportunity to attend Vinnies Youth Camps, she knows her children will be safe, well fed, warm and have fun.

Melissa's story

Melissa has been volunteering for Vinnies Youth since early 2012. When she discovered her siblings would be volunteering for the Kids Camp on her 21st birthday, she decided to volunteer for the camp too, as she wanted to spend her birthday with them.

She said afterwards that celebrating her birthday on the camp was the best experience of her life. Melissa really loved being with the children and said she could see the impact that being part of Vinnies Youth had on their lives as well as her own.

As a student teacher, Melissa began using her skills at the homework centre and she is now coordinating the Homework Centre Program.

Sam's story

Sam has a severely disabled brother who recently had surgery on his hips and needs lots of care. His mother has been undergoing extensive cancer treatment. Due to helping his family attend their medical appointments; Sam had to grow up quickly and seldom gets the chance to be with boys his own age.



He attended Teen Camp this year and had the opportunity to build a bush shelter, sit by a camp fire and enjoy a long bike ride with boys his own age. Sam's grandmother says he returned home to his family energised and refreshed.

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Partners

Vinnies Youth has partnerships with Ernst & Young and Adams Coachlines.

Youth Department Highlights

In April 2012, Vinnies Youth ran its first program entirely organised and run by volunteers. Since then all leadership positions have been filled by volunteers and supported and mentored by staff rather than directed.

The move has given the volunteers a sense of ownership of the programs, a keener interest in what they do and a greater understanding of the wider society.

Vinnies School Sleepout 2011

Vinnies Youth ran an inaugural School Sleepout at the WACA on 4 July 2011. The event brought together 130 high school students to raise funds and promote awareness and insight into homelessness, which is a reality for 22,000 young Australians, aged 12-18.

During the evening with the help of guest speakers and Catholic youth ministry, students reflected on what they could actively do to make a difference in their community.

Vinnies Youth Members
560

Vinnies Youth Volunteers
215

Total number of Volunteer Hours
13,510

Young Adult Conferences
3

High School Conferences
12

Mini Vinnies Groups
7

Children who attend Camps (8-15)
206

Children who attend Buddy Days
50

Children who attend Homework Centre
17

State Youth Committee

Keenan Klassen / Jake Thresher -
Co-Chairperson

Belinda Norris
Jacob Olsen
Jessica Crute
Madeleine Branson
Teagan Thresher



Passages Resource Centre



Thanks To:

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Overview

Passages Resource Centre is a referral centre for homeless and street present young people situated in Northbridge and Mandurah. It is a joint venture between the Rotary Club of Perth and the St Vincent de Paul Society providing disadvantaged young people between the ages of 12 and 25 with referrals, kitchen, bathroom and laundry facilities, phone and internet access, information workshops and advocacy. A number of programs are run at the centres and many agencies are in attendance to provide additional support to those that access it.

Daniel's story

Daniel made contact with Passages as a 16 year old when he disengaged from his family home and was staying in crisis accommodation. He was referred to Passages through the crisis care provider, and has visited the centre frequently, making use of its many facilities. He attends breakfast, uses the showers and washes his clothes. He also makes use of the internet and has received food and clothing vouchers. When Daniel left his crisis accommodation due to overcrowding and started sleeping rough on the street, Passages was able to provide Daniel with swag and blankets to ensure he was warm at night.

Daniel used the centre's computer and phone to call friends and family, agencies to try to find short term accommodation and training services about programs that would lead to a job.

Recently, Daniel has re-engaged with his family through messages left with Passages. He has arranged to return to the family home and attend training opportunities in the coming months. He still maintains his contact with Passages for ongoing support.



Gary's story

Gary recently presented to Passages with his Employment case worker; he had been homeless for a period and had little or no family that he could stay with and no where to couch surf. Gary had been sleeping rough in the cold winter months.

When Gary first arrived at the centre with his case manager, both were unaware of the services offered by Passages. Gary was in urgent need of accommodation but all paths had been exhausted, so by the end of the first day, Gary had to leave the centre and was given a street swag to have a more comfortable night.

When Passages opened the following day, Gary came in to have a shower and wash his clothes; he had breakfast and straight away began looking for places in crisis accommodation. By midday the staff had secured Gary a place to stay that night. Passages organised a transport pass, some food, a phone card and gave him a map and directions to find his way.

Richard and Caroline's story

When Richard, aged 15 and Caroline aged 14 came into Passages they had been sleeping rough and hadn't eaten.

Passages assisted Richard with contacting Centrelink and getting some financial assistance. They also helped Caroline to call her mother and let her know that she was safe. Caroline has now reconnected with her family and is living back at home. Unfortunately Richard had to spend some further days sleeping rough but continued to utilise Passages during the day for breakfast, a shower and access the phone and computer.

Richard was able to call crisis accommodation and be accommodated in the area close to his school. Getting an education is very important for Richard. The young man is now waiting for further long term accommodation support and to assist him to finish his schooling. Passages continues to be a safe place for Richard to access when needed.

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Homelessness

Homelessness is broken down into three categories; Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Homelessness.

Primary

Sleeping rough or in improvised dwellings

Young People may sleep on the streets, under the bridge, in parks, in some cases sleeping in squats in derelict buildings/ abandoned holiday house /houses up for sale or using cars / tents as a make shift house.

Secondary

Emergency accommodation, youth refuges, “couch surfing”

Young People for that night only would be able to stay at a friend’s / family member’s house. They might have been able to get into crisis accommodation but this could change. Secondary means they can stay possibly at this temporary accommodation for up to 12 weeks, however in most cases for whatever reason they choose to move on before this or are asked to leave due to the pressures in the household.

Tertiary

Boarding housing and caravan parks

Young people have some where they can stay in this accommodation for longer than 13 weeks. This is just a bedroom they don’t have their own bathroom or kitchen or living room. This is not a stable accommodation. They do not have tenancy agreement. They pay from week to week or day to day. They could be asked to leave the ‘accommodation’ leaving them vulnerable, without accommodation again.

Passages Resource Centre would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to St John of God Subiaco Hospital and St John of God Murdoch Hospital for supporting the centres as their ‘Charity of Choice’ for the financial year.

Northbridge opened in 1999.

Peel in 2012.

Passages Highlights:

Northbridge

- Perth Registry Week
- Homeless Connect
- Census 2011
- YES Housing Drive at Passages
- Save a Mate at Passages
- This Wall Talks - City of Perth Urban Art Program
- Race Day 2012 held at Belmont Park Race Course on Saturday 20 May - over \$70,000 raised
- Vinnies CEO Sleepout 2012

Peel

- Mapping Our Community
- Peel Away the Mask II
- Specialise Homelessness Service Conference
- Harmony Week - Amazing Cultural Race
- Vinnies CEO Sleepout 2012

Passages Programs:

Northbridge

- Mobile Mind Care
- Street Doctor Program
- Youthlink
- DAYS
- Youth Futures WA
- Street Law
- Allens Linklaters
- LYNKS Counselling (YMCA)
- WASUA
- Centrelink
- Breakfast Club
- Friday BBQ

- Healthy Cooking
- Young Mother’s Program
- Passages Bootcamp
- Gardening
- Arts & Crafts

Peel

- WASUA
- Allambee
- Peel Mental Health
- DAYS
- Breakfast Club
- Healthy Cooking
- Thursday Workshops
- Friday BBQ

Partners & Supporters:

Northbridge

- Street Connect and YES Housing - Anglicare WA
- Ruah - Street to Home
- Hills Community Support Group
- FoodCents & Save a Mate from Australian Red Cross
- Hep WA
- Quarry Health Centre
- FPWA
- Torre Butchers
- Town of Vincent
- Centrelink Community Team and Call Centre
- Reclink Australia
- Sacred Heart College
- Chisholm Catholic College
- Mazenod College

Peel

- Bridging the Gap
- Community First International
- City of Mandurah
- Mandurah Performing Arts Centre
- Wanslea
- Mission Australia - Reconnect
- Centrelink
- Coodanup Community College
- West Australian Substance Users Association (WASUA)

Northbridge

Individual Clients - 562
Access Visits - 1,862
New Clients - 127
Successful Referrals - 648
Resources Used - 3,872

Age Breakdown

12-15 years - 171 - 9%
16-18 years - 694 - 37%
19-21 years - 499 - 27%
22-25 years - 494 - 27%

46% presented as primary homeless

16% presented as secondary homeless

30% presented as tertiary homeless

Peel

Individual Clients - 274
Access Visits - 851
New Clients - 160
Successful Referrals - 740
Resources Used - 1,918

Age Breakdown

12-15 years - 144 - 17%
16-18 years - 386 - 45%
19-21 years - 203 - 24%
22-25 years - 118 - 14%

18% presented as primary homeless

29% presented as secondary homeless

53% presented as tertiary homeless

Vincentcare

144 individuals were provided with accommodation:

116 were single and 2 couples
97 adult male
23 adult female
24 children under 16 years of age

Those who left Vincentcare during the year:

18 transferred into independent living
2 transferred to hospital and did not return
2 moved back with family
8 unknown

Vincentcare Accommodation:

16 dwellings are Society owned
65 are Community Housing
29 are rental dwellings
52 are board & lodging dwellings
Accommodation is located over metropolitan Perth, Mandurah and Albany. In addition Vincentcare relinquished 2 Private Head Lease properties this year due to financial restraints

Mental Health & Homelessness Advisory Board

John Lazberger - Chairperson
John Meahan
Brian Bull OAM
Vince Spargo
Yvonne Pallier
Lauren Risbey

Scrap to Gold Partners

Sims Metal
Rio Tinto
RCR Tomlinson Ltd
WATM

Overview

Vincentcare provides accommodation and 'support with dignity' to people living with mental illness and/or homelessness while encouraging them to maintain their independence and life skills. Vincentcare personnel assist and support clients in their rehabilitation and recovery journey, enabling them to achieve optimum levels of wellness and improve their quality of life. Vincentcare delivers continuity of care and stability to clients, in partnership and collaboration with other service providers. The Vincentcare model of service delivery is non medical and founded on the principles of social justice and community inclusion.

Vincentcare assist people with accommodation who are homeless. Of those people 97% also have a diagnosed severe and persistent mental illness.

Barry's story

Barry entered Vincentcare when he was in his late 20's. He had just turned 20 when he became involved in a group, many who were drug users. Barry started using drugs as well and by the time he was 25 he was a full

time user of many different drugs. His family had distanced themselves from him and many of his friends had died from overdoses. Barry had started university but he had to drop out because he could not stay focused. He was diagnosed with drug induced psychosis.

When Barry came to Vincentcare he was paranoid. He was very thought disordered and had a serious problem with thinking, feelings and behaviour. His speech was also disconnected from his thinking and feelings, making him withdrawn, hesitant and afraid to mix with other people.

Now 10 months later, Barry has moved from the village which provides individuals with medium to high support with their illness to a Vincentcare share house in the community which offers low to medium support. Vincentcare has worked with Barry on his living skills and he participates most days of the week in groups that help him understand his mental illness. He is fortunate to have received immediate support and intervention leading to a positive conclusion that recovery can be quick with less long term disabling effects



from his illness. Two months ago Barry started working full time and enrolled at TAFE to study for an engineering diploma. Vincentcare believes Barry will be ready to move into his own place within six months. He is excited and careful as he knows he has been given an unbelievable second chance.

Justin's story

Justin is 40 years old and has always lived in a supportive family environment. So his mental illness had minimal impact on his life until recently. With the death of Justin's father eight months ago and his mother unable to manage his mental illness on her own, Justin moved away from his family for the first time in his life. It was traumatic change of lifestyle for him, he felt betrayed and alone, and he ended up in hospital for four months.

Justin suffers from nightmares and hallucinations that command him to do things, leaving him terrified. He does have insight. He knows that what he hears is not real and he has never acted on the hallucinations. But Justin still hears the voices all the time, particularly at night. As a result he is a very high suicidal risk.

Vincentcare is working with Justin to focus his attention on other skills and areas of his life as well as teaching him different ways to think. Justin's sleep habits have also improved since Vincentcare went with him to his GP to explain what happens at night. Previously Justin just couldn't express this to his doctor.

Justin now oversees the vegetable garden at Vincentcare. He has a keen interest in horticulture and he does a one day a week interest course. As a potential suicidal risk, Vincentcare still watch Justin closely, but they feel confident that he has taken the first step on his journey to recovery.

Names have been changed to protect the privacy of our clients

Clothing & Furniture Depot

Thank you to the following suppliers for your support in 2011/2012:

Spotless Laundries WA | All Seasons Hotel | Waterside Apartments | RAC Perth | Beds Plus | Superclean Laundry | Cottesloe Beach Hotel
The Good Guys | Innaloo Curtains | Well Auctions | Newman College | Jeans West | Graylands Hospital | ANZ Bank | Qantas | Crown Perth



Friday all day and helps sort donations, unload trucks and is also a furniture truck offsider.

Michael says he enjoys meeting people from different countries while delivering household items to newly arrived families settling into their new life in WA. In a way he is carrying on the family legacy. His mother was a volunteer at the Depot office with his aunty and his father still helps out in the sewing room with lifting and folding larger items such as sheets, blankets and curtains.

Michael has seen a lot of donations come in to the Depot over the 25 years and he says he is continually surprised at how generous Western Australians are.

Michael believes volunteering at the Society is the best move he has ever made. But as he is a person who is quick to put up his hand up for any task at the centre, Depot staff also thank the day Michael joined them.

Cherie's story

It took one shopping visit to the St Vincent de Paul Society Osborne Park Clothing & Furniture Depot for Cherie



to know she wanted to volunteer her spare time there. But it took a further two weeks for her to summon the courage to ask if they could use her help because she thought her disability might go against her. To Cherie's joy, her request was welcomed by staff and volunteers alike and now, five years on, she says volunteering was the best move she has ever made.

Cherie volunteers two half days a week as well as Saturdays during football season if other 'vollies' are unavailable. She works at the counter or on the shop floor and enjoys helping customers, the camaraderie of the centre, the nice staff and meeting new people. As she is on a disability pension, she says she also likes the

idea of giving something back to the community.

A caring person, Cherie likes to make customers feel welcome and to leave feeling they have had a good experience, particularly if they are down on their luck and in need of help. When one woman customer came in to the centre needing a walking stick, Cherie was so concerned for her welfare that she gave her one of her own walking sticks. The woman was very grateful for Cherie's generosity.

"When friends ask me why I volunteer, I say, 'How could I not volunteer,' she says. Cherie wants to continue volunteering with Vinnies as long as she can.

Welfare Distributed
from the Depot
\$677,000

Number of Welfare
Deliveries
2,314

Clothing Sorted
844,192kgs

Clothing Bin Collections
403,277kgs

Domestic Collections
7,858

Volunteer Hours
13,680

Rubbish Tip Fees
\$74,692

Depot Also Assists

Maxine's Place
Djugerari Community
Looma Community
Jameson School
Cyril Jaye
Kadjina Community
Diocese of Broome
Jarlmadangah
NATS Welshpool
Jigalong

Number of Retail Centres

45

Retail Sales

\$7,132,554

Number of Retail Centres Upgraded

2

Welfare Value

Metropolitan: \$102,772

Regional: \$104,377

Number Assisted

Metropolitan: 2,037

Regional: 773

Number of Volunteers

1,600

Volunteer Hours

1,250,000 hours per year

State Centres Board

David Reed OAM - Chairperson

Bob Burns

Brian Fitzgerald

Anthony Smith

Ray Della-Polina

Lisa Pappas

Vernon Butterly

Alison Stedman

Frank Brown

Vinnies Retail Centres



Overview

Vinnies Retail Centres provide a wide range of clothing, books, collectables, Manchester, bric-a-brac and furniture that assists with welfare support through Home Visitation and provides a well priced shopping alternative to the community. The Vinnies Retail Centres rely solely on donated goods from the general public and all items are sorted, priced and sold by volunteers.

Barbara's story

Barbara is the Volunteer Retail Manager at Pinjarra. She walked into the shop in October 2006 with the intention of working there as a volunteer for just two months. To the St Vincent de Paul Society's joy she is still with the Centre in 2012, six years later.

The Pinjarra Centre opened in the district 24 years ago and it is staffed by 23 volunteers who help the local community with clothing and practical assistance.

Barbara says she loves her job and considers she is very lucky to work with such a loyal group of volunteers, many who have been there since the shop opened. She admits that often she feels sad about the hardship

she sees in the community, but it also makes her very humble. "I appreciate the position I am in, but at the same time I want to do more for the people out there who are less fortunate," she says.

Barbara gave a positive example of the way Vinnies assisted the community recently recounting the case of a grandfather who was looking after three young grandchildren. When Vinnies volunteers heard that the elderly man and the children were cold and hungry one very chilly winter day, they visited the home and gave them warm clothing, blankets and food parcels to tide them over. The grandfather was so grateful to the Vinnies volunteers he now calls in just to say hello. Vinnies volunteers are also staying in touch with the family to support them further if required.

Barbara says she is always looking for enthusiastic volunteers who can give a little regular time to sorting goods or serving customers at the front counter. The volunteers who work at the shop are very supportive of each other and enjoy working together and helping the community.



Elvira's story

Elvira began her volunteer work with Vinnies Manjimup not long after the first shop opened in the 1970s. Born in Italy in 1934, Elvira came to Australia as a young bride with her husband Loui. The couple established a small farm block with fresh fruit and vegetables, award winning flowers and sheep and they have been sharing their bountiful crops with family, friends and their community ever since. They also produce wine and olive oil for their family and close friends.

Elvira's message to the Vinnies volunteers and the many clients who share their sad stories with her is that if you nurture a strong spirit within a person, regardless of the hard times that come along in life that spirit will find God's strength to do what is needed to make their life good and productive.

She believes it is important to look back over your life and to be amazed and thankful to God for the blessings you have received. Each day has its own problems. As long as you believe you can find a way and are not afraid of hard work, you can turn your life around without feeling weak and hopeless.

She says she tries to help people feel strong within themselves and encourages them to grow fresh healthy food, live simple lives and enjoy what they can do for themselves and others and to share what good fortune comes their way.

Elvira is proud of her family who have been encouraged to use their strengths and gifts to work hard and build good lives. She is always early for work at the Vinnies shop on Wednesday afternoons. These days she sits and mends clothing for the shop and removes buttons and buckles from the clothing to be cut for rags. Many a client who comes in for assistance when Elvira is there, watch her quietly working with her arthritic hands to make a difference in helping others through her humble work, prayer and kindly words of wisdom.

Elvira and Loui are in their 80s now. They have worked hard all their life through good and tough times and give thanks to God for all the blessings they have received during their life together.

Refugee and Migrant Support

Overview

This program welcomes and assists refugees & migrants with settling into their new home in Western Australia. Support provided includes the provision of household goods, emergency clothing, assistance at Christmas and advocacy. The support program is run through the work of the Refugee & Migrant Committee that arrange activities to help make the transition into a new life in Australia a happy and comfortable one. One particular activity the Committee organises is the bi-annual 'Welcome to Western Australia Picnic' which allows newly arrived families a chance to come together and support each other in their new surroundings.



Akram's story

Akram, his wife Farah and their tiny son, made the difficult decision to leave their home in the Middle East and make the long journey to Australia. Fearful for their safety the only solution that seemed open to them was to escape to a free country. Australia is one of those destinations.

Akram and Farah's small son had his first birthday as they travelled on the boat to Christmas Island. Minimal amounts of food and water were provided, toilet facilities defy description and constant exposure to the wind and rain drained their energy and spirit. They were lucky. They reached Christmas Island safely.

The usual checks were carried out and after a couple of months the couple and their son were transferred into community detention because of their infant son. A year later they received permission to remain in Australia and a visa was issued.

The St Vincent de Paul Society met Akram and his family while visiting another who required some assistance. They had moved to Western Australia and were looking for a low rental house and a job. When Akram found the house, the Society and a number of supporters provided assistance, including the occasional food voucher.

A job proved to be a bit more difficult for Akram as he was not strong with the English language but he was determined to make his way in Western Australia. He travelled on three buses for an interview and when asked for a reference, he gave the name of one of the Society's volunteers as a person he knew in WA, together with his own association with the St Vincent de Paul Society.

The employer said, "Well, if you are associated with the St Vincent de Paul Society you must be OK," and Akram was told he could start work the following week.

Akram and Farah are very appreciative of the support and assistance given to them by the St Vincent de Paul Society. Akram said recently, "If I had this problem in my country there would be no help from anyone. Here you do not know my family, yet you help me with my problem."

The Refugee & Migrant Committee continue to maintain contact with this family as they make their way in Western Australia.

Names have been changed to protect the privacy of our clients

Countries of origin are as follows

Burma
Iraq
Iran
Afghanistan
Burundi
Ethiopia
Congo
Sierra Leone
Liberia
Sudan North and South
Somalia

Total assisted by the Committee

1,200

Number of Volunteer Hours

1,160

Support given by

Sacred Heart College
Chisholm Catholic College
Our Lady of Grace North Beach
Soul Gestures
United Way

Key Highlights

Kings Park Picnic in December
Sizdeh Bedar - Final Day of New Year
May & October - Welcome to WA Picnics
Northam Detention Visitation Program

Refugee & Migrant Committee

Frank Pelusey - Chairperson
Br Geoff Seaman
John Kelsall
Ray Lane

Overseas Development

Assist a Student Program

\$22,004

Number of Twins

119

Twinned Countries

India, Myanmar, Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Papua New Guinea and Cambodia

Total Twinning

\$82,735

Projects Supported

3 Housing Projects, 1 Buffalo Project, 6 Education Projects, 1 Child Care Centre Project, 3 Interest Free Loans for Business Projects, 1 Cattle Project, 1 Pulling Cart Project and 1 Self Help Project

Total Project Funding

\$21,475

Twinning Quarterly Payments

\$38,720

Twinning Christmas Grants

\$12,520

Twinning Easter Grants

\$10,020

Overseas Partnerships and Development Committee

Annette Ellis - Chairperson
Alberta Janes
Ken Adam
Ian Digney
Frances Grey
Brian Walters
Bruce Phillips
Moirra Hudson-Smith
Jim Mather
Loellen Clark
Trevor Knuckey



Overview

The Society is committed to providing support and assistance to developing countries in the Asia and Pacific region in the following three ways – financially, spiritually and by correspondence. Links with our partner countries help strengthen relationships and enrich cultural exchange. The Society in Western Australia fundraises for overseas countries living in poverty and supports projects that include cow and goat banks and self help projects such as the provision of sewing machines for women so they can produce an income to support their families and community.

The Assist a Student Program is an education scholarship initiative aimed

at providing primary and secondary students throughout Asia and the Pacific an opportunity to achieve an education.

Pastoral Report of Andong Chroh Catholic Child Care Centre 2011

In 2011 Andong Chroh Catholic Child Care Centre had 30 children. Their ages ranged from 3 to 5 years (18 boys and 12 girls). Most parents of these children are hawkers, farmers, motor taxi drivers and workers. Every day around 6am the parents bring their children to the centre then they go to work. The aim of this centre is to help parents by caring for their young children when they go out to work and by supporting these families the centre is helping them to improve their life and educate their children.

Daily program for the centre:

Working hours: 6am to 3pm, Working days: Monday to Saturday. Staff at the centre: one teacher and one cook.

Every day there is morning exercises and lessons in Khmer alphabets, Khmer numbers and English

alphabets. Besides the normal teaching the centre has different activities such as drawing, singing, story telling, play games, hygiene and moral lessons. The centre provides breakfast and lunch to the children each day including rice soup, eggs, mince pork and vegetables. After lunch the teacher helps children to brush their teeth and wash before they have their nap.

Special activities for 2011 include:

8 April 2011: A Khmer New Year Party for the children was organised as well as the formation of a parents committee made up from parents of the students. This committee will advise and participate in centre programs.

21 May 2011: A tour was arranged for the children to visit 'Han Jay Mountain' 50 kilometres from the centre.

10 September 2011: The centre organised a farewell party for 12 children leaving to study in Grade One at a government school. The government school teachers and the

children's parents are pleased with the children's literacy and good manners.

Between 7 February 2011 and 4 December 2011 the teacher attended teacher training workshops.

In early October 2011, 12 new children (7 boys and 5 girls) were accepted to study at the centre. These children come from nearby villages and their families are very poor. The parents of the new children had heard of the centre through some former students and their parents and were keen for their children to attend.

The Andong Chroh Catholic Child Care is very grateful for the support of the St Vincent de Paul Society National Council of Australia, St Brigid Conference (Midland) and St Anthony Conference (Greenmount). With the support given by the St Vincent de Paul Society the centre is able to help many disadvantaged families in villages to take care of their young children and to educate them.

Social Justice Advocacy



The St Vincent de Paul Society is committed to enriching the lives of those experiencing hardship by advocating for a fair and just community. Its governing Rule states -:

"In all our charitable actions we should search for justice.... and play our part in creating a more just and equitable social order..."

Whilst recognising the great charitable works the Society members complete, there is a firm belief that charity must walk hand-in-hand with justice. Vincentians have an obligation to understand and act on social injustice.

At the 2011 Winter Appeal launch, Chief Executive Officer, National Council, Dr John Falzon presented his key note address, "The Forgotten People", part of that social justice message is as follows -:

"I want to reflect with you today about some of the forgotten people in Australia. The people who live on the

edges of Australian society are not there through any fault of their own. They are there for reasons of history and social structure."

"We are taught to look at the condition of unemployment, for example, as if it were the fault of the person. The person themselves is actually forgotten. Their story not listened to. Only the fact of unemployment is remembered."

"The same thing about asylum seekers. The people themselves, ordinary women, men and children, are forgotten. Only their demonised status is remembered."

"Vinnies is always there to support and stand with the people who are forgotten. The answer lies not in forcing people to rely on charity, however, but listening to their stories and learning from their experiences so that we can build a truly inclusive Australian society."

"We do irreparable harm when we turn it into a question of individual

behaviour, blaming people for their own poverty, as is often the case with people who are homeless or in jail."

"Our task is to have the humility to listen to the people who have the stories that can teach us what it is that needs to change in society."

"The greatest power for progressive social change lies precisely with the excluded. The people who can best define and interpret the reality of exclusion and socio-economic insecurity are also potentially the only ones who can in the end determine the means towards social inclusion."

The Society is dedicated to listening to the stories of the people we assist, raising awareness and encouraging an understanding of social justice within the community through the development of programs and initiatives.

Following the Society's mission and with long term goals in mind, social justice issues are discussed through the Society's Social Justice

Committee who work hard to raise awareness and tackle new areas of need within local communities. Over the last 12 months the Social Justice Committee has been and continues to be involved in a number of important issues.

Current and ongoing social justice awareness and advocacy includes:

- The governments Rental Assistance and the impact of increased rental prices in Perth
- Cost of living and the impact on household budgets particularly that of single parents, people on fixed pensions and low income families
- Increased utility prices and the impact on household budgets
- The plight of refugees and asylum seekers including dispelling refugee and asylum seeker myths, re-connecting families, travel loans, support and friendship on arrival, positive/good news stories
- Homelessness and the broader issue of housing stress in the community

- Documentation of key case studies and statistics of the current and changing needs of the community
- Key involvement in advocacy weeks including Anti-Poverty, Mental Health, Youth and Refugee weeks, awareness and advocacy through media and editorial opportunities
- Education and awareness of key social justice issues to members and the broader Vincentian community
- Social justice advocacy on a local, state and national level to government and peak bodies
- Awareness of national Social justice initiatives such as <http://blog.vinnies.org.au/>



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Statement by State Council

In the opinion of the State Council of St Vincent de Paul Society (WA) Inc, the financial report as set out in the fully audited Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the position of St Vincent de Paul Society (WA) Inc as at 30 June 2012 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that St Vincent de Paul Society (WA) Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the State Council and signed for and on behalf of State Council by.



Jeff Trew
State President



Robert Burns
State Treasurer

Dated 27 September 2012

Financials

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
Revenue		
Government Funding	744,258	891,247
Sale of Goods	7,137,525	6,683,537
Client Contributions	840,177	742,152
Fundraising	5,339,708	3,336,207
Other Income	3,387,397	3,687,643
Total revenue from operating activities	17,449,065	15,340,786
Other Income		
Net Gain on Sale of Property Plant and Equipment	153,904	138,694
	153,904	138,694
Total Revenue and Other Income	17,602,969	15,479,480

	2012 \$	2011 \$
Expenditure		
Centres of Charity	6,100,518	5,722,981
Management and Administration	773,582	756,377
Fundraising Costs	728,003	732,469
Public Relations and Communication	433,376	461,606
People in Need Services	5,086,679	5,800,532
Homeless and Mental Health Services	2,852,824	2,336,426
Imparment of Property, Plant and Equipment	1,500,000	
	17,474,982	15,810,391
Surplus/Deficit for the Year	127,987	-330,911

BALANCE SHEET

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	8,106,505	7,378,415
Trade and Other Receivables	1,283,028	1,028,444
Inventories	184,089	149,510
Total Current Assets	9,573,622	8,556,369
Non-Current Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment	10,300,115	10,624,207
Total Non-Current Assets	10,300,115	10,624,207
Total Assets	19,873,737	19,180,576

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Current Liabilities		
Trade and Other Payables	1,177,623	931,015
Provisions	1,078,210	906,146
Total Current Liabilities	2,255,833	1,837,161
Non-Current Liabilities		
Provisions	511,016	364,514
Total Non-Current Liabilities	511,016	364,514
Total Liabilities	2,766,849	2,201,675
Net Assets	17,106,888	16,978,901
Capital Funds		
Capital Fundraising Reserve	2,380,707	2,380,707
Asset Revaluation Reserve	1,977,176	2,744,548
Accumulated Funds	12,749,005	11,853,646
Total Capital Funds	17,106,888	16,978,901



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Vinnies CEO Sleepout 2012



or homelessness through the work of Vincentcare.

Some of the participants and top fundraisers in 2012 who braved the chilly 1.8 degree early morning minimum included Barry Felstead - Crown Perth, John Welbourn - Equatorial Resources Limited, Rob Velletri - Monodelphous Group, Brian Kelly - Kentz Pty Ltd, Mike Young - BC Iron Limited, Keith Gordon - Emeco Holding, Mark Pownell - WA Business News, Adam Boyd - Pacific Energy Limited, Graeme Prior - Hall & Prior Aged Care, Bob Bollen - Benz Industries WA Pty Ltd.

For the third year in a row, Barry Felstead, Crown Perth's, Chief Executive Officer was awarded the top fundraiser. Barry raised more than \$65,000 in 2012 and has raised almost \$150,000 over the three years he has been involved in this event.

Andrew Forrest, Chairman of Fortescue Metals Group, once again showed his generosity and commitment to helping individuals less



fortunate by encouraging CEOs to participate and fundraise by offering donation incentives through his family Trust the Australian Children's Trust. Over the past three years the trust has donated over \$400,000 to the Vinnies CEO Sleepout.

A new and exciting opportunity for this year was the introduction of the Fred's Soup Van organised by Comestibles Catering director Faith Nichols who has also participated in the Vinnies CEO Sleepout for three years. Faith and her team organised soup and bread rolls to be sold in the Perth CBD on three occasions in June raising \$2,000 for the Sleepout as well as awareness of the event and the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Western Australia.

For more information go to www.ceosleepout.org.au



On Thursday 21 June 2012, the annual Vinnies CEO Sleepout was held at the WACA, Perth. Over \$820,000 was raised to support the St Vincent de Paul Society's work in the area of homelessness. Funds raised will be used across a number of initiatives including the ongoing support of the Passages Resource Centre education and training program, operational support for Passages Resource Centre Peel, ongoing accommodation and support for people experiencing homelessness and those at risk of becoming homeless through the Society's Emergency Relief program and support and accommodation for people living with a mental illness and/



COMESTIBLES



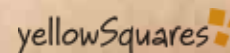
Vinnies CEO Sleepout 2012 Participants

Adam Lamond	OTOC Australia	CEO
Adam Kelly	East Fremantle Football Club	CEO
Adam Boyd	Pacific Energy Limited	CEO & Managing Director ★
Adam Garnaut	Core IT Solutions	Managing Director ★
Andrew Forrest	Fortescue Metals Group Ltd	CEO ● ★
Andrew Caruso	Crosslands Resources	CEO
Andy Crane	CBH Group	Chief Executive Officer
Ann O'Neill	angelhands Inc	CEO ★
Anthony Grosser	CTE Mechanical Services	Managing Director
Barry Felstead	Crown Perth	Chief Executive Officer ● ★
Bob Bollen	Benz Industries WA Pty Ltd	Managing Director ● ★
Brenton Baker	empower ICT	Director
Brett Jones	Cre8 Corporate	CEO
Brian Kelly	Kentz Pty Ltd	Country Manager
Brian Briscoe	Briscoe Search & Consulting	Managing Director ★
Catherine Stoddart	Department of Health	Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer
Chantal Roberts	Shelter WA	Executive Officer
Chris Bates	Interpeople	Director
Christopher Galvin	Galvin Engineering Pty Ltd	Director
Clement Astruc	St Vincent de Paul Society (WA) Inc	State President ● ★
Craig Comrie	Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia	Executive Officer ★
Damir Zemunovic	Empower ICT	CSM
David Blythe	Fremantle Hospital & Health Service	Executive Director
David Reed OAM	Reed Resources	Executive Chairman ★
David Flanagan	Atlas Iron Limited	Chairman
David Egerton-Warburton	Master Group (Aust.) Pty Ltd	Managing Director
David Vicars	Good Guys Malaga	Managing Director ★
Dean Paton	Plexal Group	CEO
Denise Goldsworthy	Dampier Salt Limited	Managing Director
Dot Colgan	Colgan Industries	Advisor ★
Elisa Uyen	The Pivot Institute	Chief Executive Officer
Faith Nichols	Comestibles	CEO ● ★
Fiona Prosser	Globetrotter Corporate Travel	Managing Director
Frank Daly	Royal Perth Group	Executive Director
Frank Hurley	WRAYS	Chief Executive Officer
Gerard Moody	BDO	CEO
Gerry O' Dea	West Perth Football Club	CEO ★
Gordon Trewern	Nulsen	CEO
Graeme Prior	Hall & Prior Aged Care	CEO
Greg Newman	Westpac	State General Manager Westpac - Premium Banking

Greg Hebble	Foodbank of Western Australia	CEO
Heather Harker	Department of Corrective Services	Deputy Commissioner, Adult Custodial ★
Irina Cattalini	Western Australian Council of Social Service	Chief Executive Officer
James Pearson	CCIWA	Chief Executive ●
Jan Bryson	Partner&Prosper	Director
Jany Li	Layne Christensen Australia	Systems Manager ★
Jason Quilligan	JNK Express Pty Ltd	Director
Jeff Weber	Mermaid Marine Australia Ltd	Managing Director/CEO ★
Jeffery Leach	e chemist	Chairman ●
Joanna Robertson	Kidogo Art Institute	CEO
John McLean	Jackson McDonald	CEO ● ★
John Welborn	Equatorial Resources Limited	Managing Director & CEO
Jon Pettingill	Trades & Labour Company & Briscoe Search & Consulting	Partner
Justine Colyer	Hills Community Support Group	Chief Executive Officer ●
Katrina Sephton	Australian Catholic Superannuation & Retirement Fund	WA Regional Manager
Keith Gordon	Emeco Holdings	CEO
Kelly Rattigan	Formworks Architecture	Managing Director
Kerry Cox	Edith Cowan University	Vice-Chancellor and President
Kevin Gaitskell	Western Power	General Manager Enterprise Solutions Partner ● ★
Kim Gilbert	Zenith Insurance Services	Director
Leigh McDonald	Leap Consulting	Technical Director
Lejo Ouwendyk	Kennerlys	Managing Director ★
Lindsay Craig	4HR Consulting Group	Managing Director
Liong Eng	Silverfern IT	CEO
Liz Behjat MLC	Parliament of Western Australia	Member of Parliament ★
Louise Whitten	Whittens Pty Ltd	CEO
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 ● 2010 participant
 ★ 2011 participant



Acknowledgements and Thank You



The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to acknowledge and thank the many individuals, businesses, clubs and organisations who make it possible for us to carry out our Good Works in the community.

The Society is committed to supporting Western Australian's in need and through the communities ongoing support we can ensure we are able to respond to every genuine call for help we receive.

If you would like to help create a more just and compassionate Western Australian community, there are many ways in which you can get involved through the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Together, we can make a difference.

Donors & Benefactors

The St Vincent de Paul Society relies greatly on the generosity of the community to support vital programs and services for people in need in the Western Australian community. Thank you to the thousands of individual donors and the Estates who have given so generously over the last 12 months, your donations have made a big difference to the lives of many in our community.

- Winter Appeal - \$1,209,000
- Street Appeal - \$58,000
- Christmas Appeal - \$635,000
- General Appeal - \$44,000
- Spirit Newsletter Appeal - \$192,000
- Bequest - \$260,000
- Vinnies CEO Sleepout - \$820,000

Grants & Funding

Thank you to Lotterywest for the ongoing support of the Society's work in the Western Australian community. The support with funding for our Emergency Relief work, program based funding through Passages and Vincentcare and the broader Society is greatly appreciated. Thank you to FACHSIA through funding for volunteers and financial counsellors.

Corporate & Community Partners

Thank you to our Corporate & Community Partners who continue to support our good work. On behalf of the thousands of people who have received help from the St Vincent de Paul Society we gratefully acknowledge and thank everyone who has in any way assisted us over the past 12 months.

Advisory Boards

We would like to thank and acknowledge all those who served voluntarily on Advisory Committees and Boards for sharing their valuable time and knowledge with the Society with the aim of assisting people in need.

Call Centre Volunteers

We would like to acknowledge and thank the many people who have



volunteered their time through the Call Centre over the past year. The Call Centre volunteers have been dedicated to the role of receiving calls from people in need in the community and relaying the necessary information to our members who provide assistance through Home Visitations. We thank them for undertaking this vital work for the Society.

Media

Special thanks to all Western Australian media outlets (newspaper, online, radio stations and television stations) for promoting the Society's Appeals and campaigns through free of charge community service announcements and through editorial commentary. The media's ongoing support of the work of the Society in the Western Australian community

is acknowledged and greatly appreciated.

Schools

Thank you to all the schools across Western Australia who participated in Youth programs, volunteering, sleepouts and fundraising activities. A special thank you to all the teachers who assisted by coordinating the programs and volunteers within your schools.

Members, Volunteers and Staff

A special thank you to all our members, volunteers and staff for their ongoing dedication and commitment to the Society and the people it helps. We are humbled and amazed by the work of these groups and our sincere thanks and prayers go out to them.

How You Can Help



Become a Member

The St Vincent de Paul Society provides an avenue for individuals to help others in an environment of respect and compassion. Members come in all shapes and sizes, ages and backgrounds; their commonality is their mission to support and care for those who lack the resources to lead a healthy and full life. To find out more on becoming a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society please phone the Society on (08) 9475 5400.



Volunteer Your Time

If you are interested in helping people through any of the St Vincent de Paul Society's services, great volunteering opportunities exist. For further information on volunteering please phone the Society on (08) 9475 5400.

Make a Financial Donation

Credit card donations can be made by phoning 13 18 12 or by logging on to www.vinnies.org.au. All donations are used to assist the disadvantaged with whom we work. To have your name added to our mailing list, please phone our Public Relations & Fundraising Department on (08) 9475 5400.

Leave a Bequest

Please consider remembering the St Vincent de Paul Society in your Will. The Society's Tom Perrott Friends Forever Club honours the generosity of Bequest donors in a dignified and respectful way. The Society is able to assist thousands of people because of the generosity of those who have remembered the Society in their Will. To find out more information on the Tom Perrott Friends Forever Club or how you can remember the Society in your Will please call our Public Relations & Fundraising Department on (08) 9475 5400.

Helping Hands Regular Giving Program

The Helping Hands Program allows donors to make a periodical commitment to the work of the Society and receive only one tax-deductible receipt each year. Helping Hands supporters are kept informed of the Society's good works through the bi-annual newsletter "The Spirit". For more information call the Society on (08) 9475 5400.

Donate Pre-loved Goods

Donations of pre-loved clothing, household goods and furniture can be made at our Clothing and Furniture Depot in Osborne Park or by calling (08) 9444 5622. For the location of your nearest Vinnies Retail Centre visit www.vinnies.org.au.

Become a Corporate Partner

The St Vincent de Paul Society recognises the importance of developing and nurturing strong links with the corporate and philanthropic sectors to allow us to continue to help make positive changes in the lives of the people we help. The Society seeks to engage all partners in long-term, strategic and mutually beneficial relationships. Companies can support the St Vincent de Paul Society through Corporate Partnerships, Corporate Sponsorships, Cause Related Marketing and/or Philanthropic Donations. To find out more please call our Public Relations & Fundraising Department on (08) 9475 5400.

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