

## Giving second hand a second chance

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SECOND CHANCES OP SHOP  
GENERAL MANAGER, DI WHYTE.

On any given weekday, two stores in southern Adelaide are providing a second chance for second hand goods and in turn a second chance for some in our community who need that second chance the most. The volunteers are there to make it all possible.

"Without volunteers, we simply couldn't survive," says Di Whyte, General Manager of Second Chances Op Shop, Sturt. "I just appreciate every single volunteer that I've got. I love it and they love it." The Op Shop is dependent on 25 volunteers who keep the shop running six days a week.

According to Di, the store is a hub of friendship for both shoppers and volunteers alike, and if managing a store was not enough to keep her busy, "I've even turned into a bit of a counsellor," Di adds. The warmth in her tone suggests she would not have it any other way.

Just a few minutes away in St Mary's, volunteers at Second Chances Furniture Warehouse are busy packing furniture into the store's white Hino truck. It is here, just off South Road, that Liam manages a team of a dozen volunteers as they retrieve, sell, and deliver second hand furniture and white goods five days a week.

"We are a team," Liam says. "People volunteer here to either give back or because they want to do something." He adds with a chuckle, "We even try and make it fun sometimes."



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## Keeping RFDS in the air

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Each year, more than 292,000 people are assisted by the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) – that's one person every two minutes!

Founded in 1928 by the Reverend John Flynn, RFDS provides medical help to those living, travelling and working in rural and remote Australia who are isolated from medical and health services.

Working through our Auxiliaries and Support Groups, Flying Doctor volunteers are the lifeblood of community support for the RFDS. The work of our volunteers is vital to support the operations of the organisation. Through hard work and innovative fundraising ideas, volunteers in 23 volunteer Auxiliary and Support Groups managed to raise the sum of \$868,600 during the 2014/15 financial year.

With a Fisherman's Ball in the south-east, a bingo night in Adelaide, a cake stall in Port Augusta, regular dinners with guest speakers, the annual golf day in Roxby Downs, almost every week our volunteers are hard at work spreading the word and raising funds through donation tins and events.

Our Adelaide Auxiliary recently ran a merchandise stall at the Caravan and Camping Lifestyle Show in support of the RFDS simulator's appearance. The simulator is a replica of a Flying Doctor Pilatus PC-12 aircraft which has an interior fitted out with stretchers, medical equipment and a replica of the cockpit. The simulator is popular amongst children and adults and is in high demand at country field days and schools.

RFDS Central Operations Volunteer Coordinator, Debbie Adams, said there was great diversity in ideas when it came to the fundraising efforts of RFDS volunteers. "Year in and year out, our Auxiliaries and Support Groups put in an extraordinary effort to bring out community support for the Flying Doctor," Mrs Adams says. "Often our volunteers are people who have been flown to hospital by the RFDS or who have family members who have needed our services, or they know someone who has been helped."

All fundraising goes directly towards aircraft replacement and the medical fitout of aircraft.



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