

The Generous Sacrifice of Grandparents

Across Australia, grandparent guardians and carers represent around 1% of all families. Sacrificial grandparents are the backbone of our society, doing whatever it takes to keep their families together.

Second Chances Family Care supports grandparent carers who find themselves holding their families together due to the imprisonment of a grandchild's parent – in many cases the grandparent's son or daughter. Five years ago, Richard and Jill* found themselves facing this very situation when their adult daughter was sentenced and imprisoned. Desperate to keep their family together, they took on guardianship of their young granddaughter, Lydia* and have been raising her ever since.

Challenges of Being a Grandparent Carer

Finances: As kinship carers, many grandparents are not entitled to carer payments. Some even find themselves re-entering employment after retiring to meet their family's needs.

Parenting: Many grandparents feel ill-equipped transitioning back to a parenting role. This can also be an awkward adjustment stage for the whole family.

Fatigue: Physical limitations combined with decreased energy are common challenges for grandparent carers. A busy school and social calendar can leave many feeling exhausted.



"Having the support of our Second Chances Family Care worker has been absolutely amazing! Little things quickly add up to create a huge hand up, empowering us and our granddaughter to thrive."

We celebrate the generous gift grandparent carers give to their families. To find out more about Second Chances Family Care or to invest in their work, please visit secondchances.org.au.

Spring Cleaning with Purpose



Funds raised through **Second Chances Furniture Warehouse** provide much-needed support to our Second Chances SA programs for children and young people. Through our partnerships with support services and agencies, we provide and deliver furniture assistance packages to individuals and families affected by homelessness, domestic violence

and financial insecurity – enabling them with dignity to transform their houses into homes.

CAN YOU HELP? We need:

- Fridges
- Washing machines
- Small dining tables & chairs
- Double beds & mattresses
- Double seater lounges
- Coffee tables
- Bedsides & chest of drawers

To request collection of your quality, donated furniture or whitegoods, please contact **Second Chances Furniture Warehouse** at 8352 7722.

Second Chances Op Shop in Sturt is always in need of the following items for Care Packages:

- Quilts/Blankets
- Bed linen
- Towels
- Pots and pans
- Cooking utensils

If you can help, please contact Second Chances Op Shop at 8296 5588 or deliver your donated items directly to 397 Diagonal Road, Sturt during business hours.



On the Frontlines

We are not the government. It's important for new families we come in contact with to know this.

As a charity, we represent the community from a position of restoring hope – hope for things to change for the better. Our staff are pointing families to see how their futures can be brighter.

We're forming strong relationships with struggling caregivers who give us insight to their needs through our relationships of trust. We're not instruments of power issuing rules and mandates. By contrast we have a redemptive vision and redemptive planning in mind.

Evidence shows there are four common characteristics of the leaders people are willing to follow. These are **Trust, Compassion, Stability and Hope.** With this in mind, we convey to families and youth how we're a helpful resource and friend to them, always willing to give them a 'hand up.'

During the current restrictions, the Department for Correctional Services has asked us to provide 'remote banking' – empowering prisoners to stay connected during these difficult times. Our volunteers are assisting prisoners in accessing their own funds on the outside which they can then use to purchase phone time.

Frontline staff continue life coaching youth to overcome huge obstacles in their attitude and mindset, to simply believe they can achieve what they put their mind to. We see the result of lives changed and redirected through small but positive and incremental steps.



Helen Glanville
Chief Executive



Getting Ready for Take Off



Meet the Getting Ready for Take Off team (L to R): Kim, Alecia, Will, Teela and Fiona!

Kicking Goals

Week after week, *Getting Ready for Take Off* participants are achieving exciting new milestones in their personal and professional development. These are just a few from the past couple months we want to share with you (*names changed):

- Bec moved into her very own private rental.
- Zac, Nate and Grace completed a traffic management course.
- Casey scored a traineeship for her Child Care Diploma.
- Jett, Nick and Tom are now First Aid qualified.
- Michelle completed a Cert III in hairdressing.
- 10 participants are signed up at their local gyms and 4 have joined community sports teams.

Why we're here!

Will, Life Coach (South)

"For me, it's all about connecting with people; transferring skills and knowledge across to our participants so they can live happy, fulfilled, exciting lives."

Teela, Life Coach (North)

"I love watching people find their passion in life and reach their full potential. It's amazing seeing someone achieve and live their best life!"

Fiona, Life Coach Assistant

"I really love using one of my main strengths, positivity, when working alongside participants; speaking words of encouragement into their lives."

Alecia, Community Engagement

"I love working with people. I have a passion for helping others realise and achieve their goals, especially in health and fitness."

Kim, Project Manager

"I am passionate about seeing positive change in young people's lives and letting them know we are here because we CARE about their future!"

20 participants
now employed!



In late June, *Getting Ready for Take Off* participants and staff braved the rain and cold at Shiloh Hills Park for a weekend of camp games, enrichment workshops, and teambuilding activities.

CATCH US

IF YOU CAN!



Taperoo: Birthday Presents

Jake excitedly runs to his mailbox and finds a brand-new present from his imprisoned dad. Every month, we prepare and post out over 20 Birthday presents, just like this, to children and young people across the State – celebrating their special day and reminding them they are loved and not forgotten.



Elizabeth: Second Chances Family Care

Education is a key focus area for our team and their families. In our North Hub, afternoon tutoring sessions are building self-confidence and improving classroom behaviour in the young people we support.



Richmond: Second Chances Furniture Warehouse

In partnership with other local support agencies, volunteers prepare and deliver furniture assistance packages for individuals and families needing a helping hand and a fresh start. Showroom at [131 Richmond Road, Richmond](#), open to the public, 6 days a week.



Sturt: Second Chances Op Shop

There's never a dull day at **Second Chances Op Shop!** In July, the **1079 Life Roadies** stopped by, showbags in hand, for a very special visit. If you're looking for a bargain and service with a smile, visit [397 Diagonal Road, Sturt](#). Open 6 days a week.



Eastwood: Head Office

Although in-prison visits by volunteers have not yet resumed, we continue to assist prisoners with remote banking. Each week, volunteers like **Zinedine** (pictured) receive numerous banking requests via email. The team then work with the banks to withdraw funds and transfer them to in-prison accounts.



Morphett Vale: Getting Ready for Take Off

Participants have been engaging in First Aid training as part of their preparation for entering the workforce- empowering them with an important life skill and a competitive edge to their resume.

Do You Believe in Second Chances?

Do you own or manage a business and want to make a real impact in young lives? Through *Getting Ready for Take Off*, we're working alongside an amazing group of young people aged 16-25 looking to take action and enter the workforce.

If that sounds like you, we'd love to hear from you and explore what options may be available for employment or work experience for our participants wanting to get their foot in the door. Please contact Kim at office@secondchances.org.au or call 8272 0323 to start a conversation.



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We're Back!



We're back on the speaking circuit and we would love to speak at your next Club, Church or community group event about the unique work we do here at Second Chances SA.

There are a range of ways you can partner with us. To find out more or to invite us to your next event, please contact us at 8272 0323 or office@secondchances.org.au.

Drakes Dollars!

Thank you to everyone who has already begun supporting Second Chances SA via the **Drakes Community Dollars** program! If you'd like to get involved, it's still as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Call or email us to request your very own key ring tag (and maybe an extra one for family or friends).
2. Scan your tag every time you shop at a Drakes Supermarket.
3. For every \$2 you spend, one cent will be accredited to us.



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