

Are you a Christmas Angel?

Just imagine, you're a child and you have a parent in prison. For hundreds, if not thousands, of South Australian young people, that is their reality this Christmas. For most of these families, they have already spent 2020 without seeing each other in person due to social distancing restrictions. Christmas this year may not be any different.

This is where, together with you, we can play a small part in creating opportunities for families to bond and connect after a difficult and separated year.



With your donation, **Christmas Angels** provides two brand new presents for an imprisoned parent to give their child. Reminding them they are loved and not forgotten.

Together with your support we're strengthening families, building self-worth and bringing joy to kids doing it tough.

To get involved, call [8272 0323](tel:82720323) or visit secondchances.org.au.

"I just wanted to say a massive thank you for everything you do and the presents you got my children. With a one income family, Christmas time can be hard with one parent in prison."
-A grateful mum

How YOU can help!

- Ask friends and family to sponsor a Christmas Angels child on your behalf in lieu of gifts.
- Share us on your social media and encourage your connections to like and support us too.
- Host a games night (in person or virtually) with family and friends, charging a small participation fee to raise money together for Christmas Angels.
- Recommend Christmas Angels as a charity partner to your Church, Club, or community group.

Supporting our socials

With just a few clicks, you can help us make a real difference online and in the real world. Here's how: Find and follow us on your favourite social media platform. If there's content you connect with, let us know by liking,

commenting or sharing.

By engaging with us on social media, you're making it possible for others to find out about the vital work we do. Find us on **Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter** and **YouTube**.



It's all in the giving!

Christmas won't be the same this year. Low security prisons which usually host family fun days and Christmas parties, will not be going ahead due to health safe-guarding measures. For many families this is the one day in the year which feels a little bit 'normal,' spending some fun time with dad or mum; bouncy castle, carousel, running games on the grass, music from visiting bands and some special prizes and treats for the children.

While **Christmas Angel** presents will be delivered for the parent to give at Christmas visiting times

in December, we anticipate more deliveries to the child's home will be requested, due to the limited visiting times and long distances some families need to travel, especially to country prisons.

We love to see the joy on the faces of the children, especially seeing them run and play on the grass and in the sun while mum and dad look on as a family together. **Not their crime. Not their fault.**

The best feeling of happiness is when you're happy because you've made somebody else happy. We will do our best to report back to you the

happiness you're making possible for the families torn apart by parental incarceration.

If you want happiness, start giving. Because the happiest people in life are givers, not the receivers.

Stay Safe, Happy Christmas and Travel Well into 2021,



Helen Glanville
Chief Executive



Getting in early



Families who have lost a parent to prison, often feel a little lost. Someone they live with is no longer around. There's a vacant spot in the lounge room, and the children ask when they will see their missing parent again. When a child faces emotional trauma at home, they often play up at school and that's where we come in.

Second Chances Family Care workers **Sarah** and **Alison**, visit the children at home, and connect with their teachers at school, to help keep them focused on their continuing education. In some instances, our team arrange private out-of-hours literacy and numeracy tutoring for young people at-risk of falling behind, thanks to a small grant from the **Department of Education**. For Alex*, having access to personalised tutoring has transformed him from a disengaged student to a young man engaged in his own future and hopeful for what it can look like.

For this important service to continue beyond 30 June 2021, we submitted

a tender to State Government in early October to deliver **Intensive Family Services** across Adelaide. Professional family services must always be delivered by professional staff who are recognised and respected by government departments and other agencies.



Diving into an ocean of opportunities



Ask **Sophie*** about clownfish or rays and watch her eyes light up. "I always knew I wanted to work with animals," she

says. Currently completing her final year of a Bachelor of Marine Biology and Aquaculture, Sophie is ready to kickstart her career.

Growing up, Sophie's home life can only be described as disruptive. With a dad addicted to drugs and her parents stuck in an unhealthy and abusive relationship, Sophie and her siblings found themselves

caught in the middle. "We only used to live a couple houses down from the school so everybody knew what was happening," Sophie says. "I didn't want anybody to think different of me because of my dad."

Since joining **Getting Ready for Take Off**, Sophie has already noticed changes within herself. "I've felt a lot less stressed financially," she shares. "My Life Coach is always there to talk to; providing support and encouraging me with reaching goals."

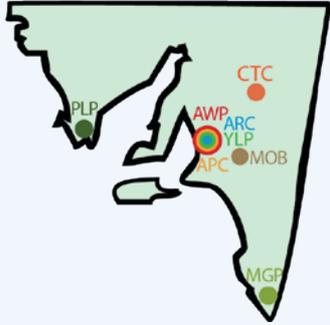
The future is bright for Sophie. She concludes university at the end of this year and has already been offered employment utilising her marine biology training.

Christians should go to prison!

For the past two years, **Zinedine Nicholls** has spent every week volunteering in a place most of us spend our lives avoiding – prison. “A belief that people can change given the right help” is what motivates Zinedine

to invest his time and energy into men and women who find themselves in prison.

In September, Zinedine stepped into the newly formed role of **Manager, Prison Ministry** coordinating volunteers and activities throughout eight prisons. Despite social distancing restrictions, Zinedine and his team of volunteers have continued to provide practical support through remote banking, property storage, and clothing packages.



Are you being summoned?

In 2021, we are looking for volunteers to come into prison with us.

We are recruiting Christian men and women with:

- Open hearts and listening ears
- Lived experience (desirable but not necessary)
- Care and compassion
- Maturity and wisdom



Zinedine Nicholls

To find out more or to request a volunteer application, please contact us at 8272 0323 or Zinedine.nicholls@secondchances.org.au.

The difference a year makes!

The **2019/2020 FY** has been a one of growth, change, and adaptation across Second Chances SA. In our *Annual Report 2019-2020*, we are excited to share with you some of our highlights and achievements up until 30 June 2020, including:

- **210 Children** received **Birthday Stars** presents on behalf of an imprisoned parent.
- **231 Second Chances Family Care** home visits providing support to **46 families**.
- **1,580 Bringing Hope** prisoner interactions across **875** volunteer hours.
- **34** camping opportunities provided across **4 Second Chances Mentoring Camps**.
- **632** children and young people received **Christmas Angels** presents, on behalf of an imprisoned parent.
- **74 Getting Ready for Take Off** participants currently engaged with **10** now employed!

To read the full *Annual Report 2019-2020*, please visit secondchances.org.au or contact us to request a copy.



A new direction for SCSA Board

At this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM), the Board elected fresh leadership to guide the organisation into an exciting new chapter. Lee Sando was voted in as Board Chair and Ben Elliot now sits as Vice Chair. The Board also welcomed Wendy Morey, who brings a wealth of policy knowledge and experience to the organisation.

“Through attentive governance, the Board feels privileged to play their part in underpinning the work of this unique and integral South Australian charity organisation.” Lee Sando, Board Chair



Back Row L-R: Krystal Gurney (Treasurer), Helen Glanville (CEO), Geoff Glanville, Wendy Morey; Front Row L-R: Ben Elliot (Vice Chair), Lee Sando (Chair), Les Dennis (Secretary)

Meet Kerry, Finance Assistant

This year we welcomed **Kerry Holtham** to the Second Chances SA team as part-time Finance Assistant. Kerry has extensive experience working in both retail and banking. She brings a wealth of knowledge and warmth to the role and

has been a joyful addition to the office. *"I love this job because I get to see how my role plays a greater part in helping children and families grow and thrive,"* she says with her trademark grin. **Fun fact:** Kerry was born on a leap year and has an identical twin!



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Birthday Stars



Our Birthday presents program has a new look and a new name! **Birthday Stars** is all about keeping families engaged, reminding children they are remembered on their special day. Your Birthday Stars donation of \$40 per child enables us to empower imprisoned parents to make their child feel like a STAR!

To find out more or make a donation, visit secondchances.org.au.

Learning Together

We are constantly seeking to learn and grow. Recently, Second Chances SA staff participated in Aboriginal Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity Training with **Haydyn Bromley** from **Bookabee Australia**. The one-day training instilled the team with a greater appreciation of Aboriginal history and culture, including practical insights to help us be more welcoming and inclusive.



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