

Key Lessons Learnt

Project: Getting Ready for Take Off (GRFTO)

Service Provider: Second Chances SA (SCSA)

Trial Period: April 2019 to June 2021

Project Cohort: Youth and young adults from 13-25 years who have a parent in prison and/or who have been impacted by parental imprisonment, of whom 25% identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Project Purpose: To break the generational cycle of welfare dependency and improve the employment opportunities of youth and young adults up to 25 years affected by parental imprisonment.

Funded by: Try, Test and Learn Fund (Australian Government Department of Social Services)

Independent Evaluators: Nova Smart Solutions and University of Queensland

To read this dynamic report, go to our website secondchances.org.au or call **08 82720323** for your copy.

'There is nothing more rewarding than to empower and support a young person in finding their purpose and direction in life'
– Kim Pienaar Project Manager.

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DECEMBER 2020

Second CHANCES SA
restoring hope



The GRFTO Team L:R, Kim, Alecia, Will, Teela & Fiona

CHRISTMAS ANGELS 2020

Christmas 2020 in prison for children was different for most because the Department for Correctional Services put the health of prisoners, staff and their families first. Unfortunately, it meant several of the 'family days' were cancelled and tight restrictions were placed around Christmas visiting times. In one prison, no Christmas Angels presents were delivered there for Christmas. Instead they were posted or couriered to the homes where the children live.

Thankyou!

Together with all our generous sponsors and donors, we have brought joy to **426 children and their families** this Christmas!



Helen, with Sarah and Mel (Influencers Church)

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

When it comes to the year that was – what can we say? There was nothing like it but we are so very grateful to our volunteers, donors, staff and participants who leaned in and gave their best shot at keeping us afloat.

We followed the official health advice and at times it was restrictive and burdensome; in-prison volunteers were not able to enter the prisons for ten months and as a result some have now decided not to return; Our more mature volunteers refrained from helping on roster at the Op Shop; Mentoring Camps were put on hold and visiting families in need were managed more from a distance.

- We are grateful to the Federal Government for their stimulus packages which helped us survive financially.
- We are grateful to those anchored volunteers for staying the course and for their loyalty.
- We are grateful to our hard working staff for powering on throughout 2020 without taking any sickness leave – amazing result!

We navigated through the worst year to date and can honestly say we've come through stronger than ever.

Thank you for all you've done for us, our families, children and youth participants. We've come to this point so far – but it is not 'this far'

where we will be staying. We have plenty of strategic vision, planning and desire to achieve all our future objectives and goals.

Will you sail with us again? Hold on tight and weather rough seas which might come our way. Thank you.

Helen Glanville

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Chief Executive



Birthday Stars is working



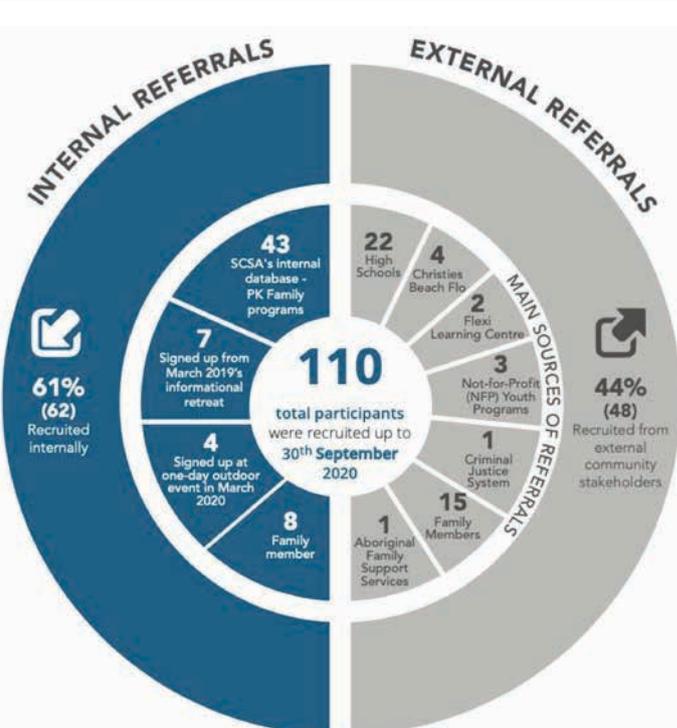
The new 'Birthday Stars' application forms created for in-prison parents to complete, have started to trickle into our office for processing. This means the new forms are being circulated throughout the prisons to staff and prisoners.

To be remembered and not forgotten on your birthday is a significant thing for any child, anywhere. We are so grateful to donors and **Variety** for making an allocation to supply birthday presents for children throughout 2021.



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Evaluating our work



PARTICIPANT SURVEY RESULTS

1. **93%** stated they feel they have hope for their future.
2. **93%** stated their Life Coach is assisting them to achieve their Career Goals.
3. **86%** stated their work ethic has improved since being in the program.
4. **96%** stated their Life Coach has assisted them in overcoming barriers.
5. **97%** stated they have developed new skills for their future.
6. **83%** stated the program has improved their employment opportunities.
7. **87%** stated they are now employable.



8. **79%** stated they receive support from family or carer.
9. **48%** stated they are currently looking for work as some are already employed or studying.
10. **96%** stated they are becoming good role models for their family members.
11. **82%** stated they have experienced a 3 Star rating on their overall experience. (They had a choice of 1- 3 stars, 3 being the best experience).
12. **100%** stated they would like to see the program continue.

Christians need to go to prison in 2021!

Because the media are good at filling our lives with fear and uncertainty, many people are scared at the thought of entering a prison. We have been safely entering prisons for decades and we come right back out again.

What drives us is the fact most people in prison were victims too. Victims of things unreported but they unfortunately act out and repeat the cycle. We are looking for 'circuit breakers' who care enough to reach out and befriend those who only know their 'kind of' friends who are mostly drug addicts – not 'straitoes'

The characteristics we are looking for in an in-prison volunteer are;

1. Good Listener
2. Non-judgmental
3. Accountable
4. Team Player
5. FAT – Faithful, Available and Teachable.

If we have arrested your attention please call Zinedine Nicholls on 0449 616 248



Second Chances Mentoring Camps Return in 2021

Like the rest of the community, we needed to cease our regular activities and this included nine **Mentoring Camps** throughout 2020. We did not hold one camp for children under 16 in 2020 except for retreats for young adults in the 'Getting Ready for Take Off' program.

But we shall return.....We are in the midst of planning one Teen Girls

camp, one Teen Boys camp plus a primary age camp all three prior to June 30.

The good news is we still have funds to support both Teen Mentoring camps but the one primary age camp is not fully supported yet.

You can make an unbelievable difference in the life of a traumatised and insecure child of a prisoner, by

providing part or full sponsorship. This might be their first camp ever! We've been in this space for over a decade and as a result we are still working with them even into their youth and adulthood. We've been watching them grow through schooling and employment but the relationship starts with that first camp experience. Will you help us this year help a first time camper?



Meet Daniel

After five years, Chris Bowman decided to move on to explore other fields of interest. Christmas Eve 2020 was his last day and the following week Daniel phoned to ask if he might be 'suitable'.

It just so happens Daniel has been our graphic designer for the past six years working behind the scenes and on weekends, preparing our quarterly newsletter 'Restoring' and other printed materials.

With a degree in Graphic Design (Visual Communication) he is quite 'suitable'.

Daniel also works on our social media platforms, mailchimp, brochure design, video production and more. Daniel commenced in January and is becoming more acquainted with the workings and the various ways of communicating both within and outside the organisation.

Thanks for joining the team Daniel. We look forward to many more of your innovative communication creations.



Daniel Nolan
Communications Manager

Drakes Tags add up



Our first community grant of \$92 was received in December, thanks to all our supporters who shop at Drakes. You can join our band of merry shoppers by simply requesting a tag and we'll post it to you. Contact us at office@secondchances.org.au or **phone (08) 8272 0323**.



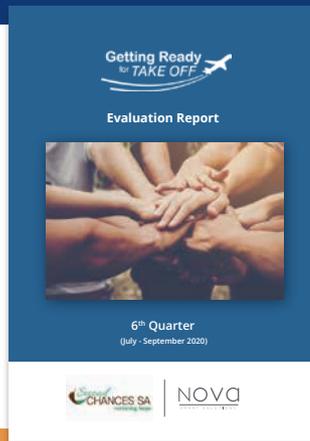
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Evaluation Report

Each quarter an independent evaluation group called Nova Smart Solutions, produces a report highlighting the barriers, obstacles, breakthroughs and successes of the *Getting Ready For Take Off* program.

Assessing the progress of the participants and seeing them grow is one of the most rewarding things we do.

Each report is uploaded to our website secondchances.org.au



Op Shop Cake Day

You can enjoy some of the best baked goods in Adelaide by attending our covid safe **Cake Day on Thursday March 25**, plus you can help too.

If you love baking and showing off your culinary treats don't hesitate to bake and contribute. You might be the most sought after baking volunteer.

Contact Sue on 8296 5588.



Thursday March 25



Furniture Warehouse

131 Richmond Road, Richmond SA 5033
Ph: 8352 7722
Mon-Fri 9:30am – 4:30pm
Sat 10:00am-3:00pm



Op Shop

397 Diagonal Road, Sturt SA 5047
Ph: 8296 5588
Mon-Fri 9:30am – 4:30pm
Sat 10:00am-3:00pm

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