

Words Cannot Express...

We are in awe at the wonderful response we received to our June end of financial year **Emergency Action Appeal**.

Words cannot express our immense gratitude to our supporters in giving so generously. It has made a huge difference towards making our financial position so much stronger moving forward.

As a result, we will continue with the vital work we do for the families and children of prisoners.

Children will continue to receive the support they need to overcome the challenges they face at home and be encouraged to attend school every day, grasp a vision for their lives and finish their education.

They'll also be able to benefit from attending **Mentoring Camps**, plus receiving **Birthday Stars** and **Christmas Angels** presents so they feel acceptance, belonging and value. We will not let them be forgotten.

Saturday 24 June, **Joan's Pantry** hosted the Second Chances SA Fundraising Dinner.

It was a great night of fun, food and laughs, with Simon Tanner calling the auction and board member Dan Hadley as the Master of Ceremony. Our Ambassador Henry Olonga brought the night to life with his exquisite singing.

Thank you to everyone involved, especially our major sponsors **Tanner Real Estate, Joan's Pantry** and **Pegasus International Logistics**.



L:R Kim Pienaar, Matt Down, Helen Glanville and Lisa Down at Joan's Pantry



Patrons enjoying a laugh during the fundraising dinner.

Contract Signed!

We are pleased to announce our two-year government contract for the delivery of services for the children has been signed! Thanks to your generous giving we continue to deliver our specialised services. Our clientele have a high rate of truancy and struggle to engage in any school activity.

Our focus is helping them attend school regularly as well as attending after school programs. We do this by helping them overcome their emotional and mental barriers such as fear of rejection, feeling of failure from low grades and feeling a false sense of guilt and shame for having a parent in prison.

Education scholarships by another agency, are awarded to students who attend school at a high rate of 90%. **Our clientele fall short of this requirement so they miss out.**

Our average student has a below 50%, even as low as 30% attendance. They struggle to achieve the most basic educational level benchmarks to be eligible for a scholarship.

This is what makes us unique!
Our services reach the most vulnerable and at-risk, children of prisoners in SA schools.

The challenge we face now is making the contract work within budget. Due to mandatory rising superannuation and award rate increases, we are forced to spend

\$20K per annum from other funds to meet budget.

We will be seeking an increase in our grant allocation, so we are not dipping into funds given by our committed donors or funds raised.



Team Leader Kim and Youth Worker Fiona

Moving On...

Words will never express our immense gratitude for the role of our faithful donors who responded at our critical time of financial need.

The Board decided in May to close our Eastwood hub. Staff have now moved on to working from their home offices. This produces a cost saving of \$40K per annum.

What this means to the children and youth we serve, is **assurance of our ongoing support**. They can be sure there is someone in their lives who has their back and someone in their lives who cares about them. **Because of you**, we have not abandoned them and they can count on our support.

In several situations there are children whose only regular, stable and reliable event in their lives, is the weekly visit our youth workers make to see them.

Together, this is what we've achieved!

You've enabled us to keep on giving hope and support to struggling children who have little hope and even less support to make the best choices for their lives.

Our research from 2016 showed the cost then, was \$435K per child, per annum to keep them in Detention. **This was old news.**

According to figures In SA released recently by the Department of Human Services, **it costs \$3145 per day to keep a child in Detention.**

(Definitely, above the national average of \$2,720 per day.)
Multiply this by 365 days it comes to \$1,147,925 per child.

If we divert just ten children of prisoners away from Youth Detention Centres, we've saved the government **\$11,000,000.**

All these cost savings for just \$185,830 per annum!



Helen Glanville
Chief Executive



SCSA Shortlisted for Impact100 SA

We are very grateful to **Impact100 SA** members for choosing **Second Chances SA** as one of the **top four from nine charities** with a project addressing the theme, 'Living with long term challenges'.

Our project is called '**GoActive Youth Employment**'. We support youth to stay in school and complete their education so they can become employable, but many lack the basics of ID to open a bank account and gain their driver's licence. We will teach them the benefits of work ethic and help them overcome barriers to employment. We'll pay for short courses such as barista, first aid, hard hat and forklift licence, to help them become job ready.

We have been paired with accounting firm **Perks** as our 'pitch coach' who will assist us to prepare our presentation at Grant Awards Night Wednesday 25 October.



Top Four Charities

- Ngutu College Ltd
- Multicultural Communities Council of SA Inc
- Second Chances SA
- The Reily Foundation

1079 Life Roadies Visit Second Chances Op Shop



Life FM's hosts Matt and Nathan popped in to say hi.



Roadies Jodie and Moyra, and John

The Roadies from 1079 Life had a fun morning on Monday July 10 at Second Chances Op Shop. Regular customer John made an impromptu decision to provide live music on the day!

Love to Drive?

Calling all potential Volunteer Delivery/Collection Drivers

We desperately need volunteer drivers at Second Chances Furniture Warehouse, 131 Richmond Rd, Richmond.

Starting at around 9:30am delivering essential furniture to those doing it tough, and people who purchase bargain furniture.

If you have a car licence, you can drive our vehicle.

With the help of a hydraulic lift, you will be part of our crew who do the loading and offloading work.

We can't help those in emergency housing situations, needing furniture packages, WITHOUT DRIVERS.



What is a Fridge?

What would you do without one?

A fridge may be an appliance, but a working fridge represents so much more to those in need.

Without it, how do you keep food fresh and provide meals for your family?

At Second Chances Furniture Warehouse we aim to assist those doing it tough and those in emergency situations. Such as overcoming homelessness or domestic violence, with affordable essential furniture and white goods.

If you have a surplus of good condition furniture or white goods, please contact us to arrange collection of your donation. **Help us help fellow South Australians doing it tough.**

Second Chances Furniture 131 Richmond Road Richmond (Mon-Fri 9:30am to 4:00pm) (08) 8296 5588 or furniture@secondchances.org.au

Never Too Young to Lead

Thanks to the **Matana Foundation**, we are training up-and-coming Mentoring Camp leaders of the future. They pledged **\$21K over three years** so we can give potential young leaders sufficient **camp leadership training**, which will help develop their character, take responsibility for their lives and learn new skills from experienced leaders and guest specialist presenters.

The first **'Never too young to Lead'** training weekend is scheduled to take place in September at the Willow Creek Adventure Camp.

The expected outcomes will be; To produce sustainable numbers of camp leaders for future Mentoring Camps; help them stay connected in a supportive community as they grow through their teen years and provide

opportunities to participate in team training to **develop leadership and life skills**. It is also anticipated this will prevent anti-social behaviours by giving them confidence to lead and hope for their future, plus develop character in preparation for the workforce.



