

2025/2026 NORTHERN TERRITORY ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

St Vincent de Paul Society
NORTHERN TERRITORY
good works

OUR MISSION

The Society is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope, and joy; to shape a more just and compassionate society.

THIS REPORT

This document is the St Vincent de Paul Society NT's official Annual Impact Report which provides an overview of validated data and statistics across operational services in the 2025-26 financial year.

This report is presented at the NT Society's Annual General Meeting on 12 November 2026.

OUR ORGANISATION

The St Vincent de Paul Society is an international, voluntary, Catholic organisation dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing assistance to the poor.

Founded in France in 1833, the first Australian Conference was established in Melbourne in 1854 and the first Northern Territory Conference in 1949.

OUR VISION

The St Vincent de Paul Society Northern Territory is pursuing our goals of spirituality and membership, governance and leadership, financial sustainability within key areas of growth and service delivery in our advocacy of the poor.

OUR VALUES

Commitment – be loyal in service to our mission, vision and values

Compassion – serving all with understanding, without judgement

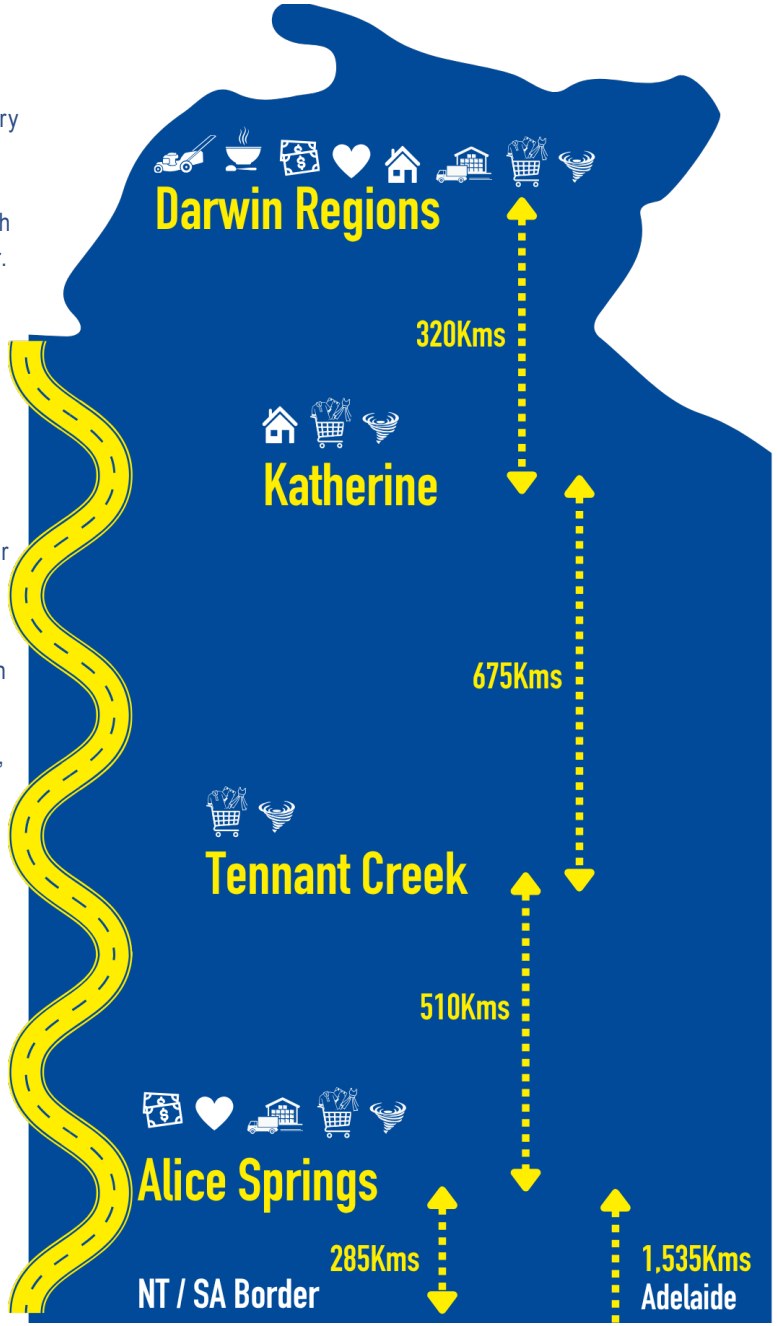
Respect – serve all regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender or political opinions

Integrity – promote and follow our mission, vision and values

Empathy – foster relationships based on respect, trust and friendship

Advocacy – work to transform the causes of poverty and challenge the causes of human injustice

Courage – encourage spiritual growth, welcome innovation and give hope for the future








We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work and live, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay respect to Elders past and present.

WHERE FUNDS GO

NT PROGRAMS SERVICES



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WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

DAMIAN LEGG

The past year has been one of service and steady progress for the St Vincent de Paul Society Northern Territory. Across the Territory, our Members, Volunteers and Staff continued to respond to poverty, exclusion and disadvantage with compassion, respect and practical care. At the centre of our work are our Companions. We seek not only to help, but also to listen, recognise each person's dignity and walk alongside them. This person-to-person relationship remains at the heart of our Vincentian vocation.

'The Vincentian Way' provided an important foundation for the year. Its invitation to 'Belong to the Vincentian Family,' 'Believe in the Vincentian Mission' and 'Become part of the Vincentian Way' reminds us that the Society is more than a service provider. We are a community of faith, friendship, service and advocacy. The new Service in Hope Ethos booklet also gives us a clear and accessible way to share our mission, values, spirituality and history. Together, these resources will help us welcome and form new Members and confidently share our Vincentian story.

We were pleased to welcome new Members, celebrate the re-establishment of the Palmerston Conference and see a Conference resume twinning. These are encouraging signs of renewal. We also began a more deliberate journey to engage young people. This will require patience, suitable opportunities and ongoing support, but it is essential to the Society's future.Servant leadership remained central to our work. Vincentian leadership is not about status. It is about listening, serving, encouraging others and helping people use their gifts. During the year, we strengthened our focus on formation, succession planning and the development of future Conference and Council leaders.

We also prepared for the revised Part III of The Rule, which took effect on 1 July 2026, immediately after the reporting period. It preserves our Vincentian spirit while strengthening stewardship, safeguarding, accountability, formation and governance.

Our Strategic Plan guided our decisions through four priorities: Our Companions, Our Sustainability, Our People and Our Vincentian Spirit. We made encouraging progress in each area while recognising that the Plan is a continuing commitment, not simply a list of activities.

The 2026 CEO Sleepout at Fannie Bay Gaol exceeded its $100,000 target. This outstanding result shows the generosity of the Territory community and will support the important work of Ozanam House.

We strengthened relationships with the Catholic Diocese of Darwin, parishes, schools, CatholicCare, Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation and other community organisations. Our engagement with Ltyentye Apurte (Santa Teresa), also continued. Any future work there must be built through listening, cultural respect and partnership with the community. We are grateful for the support and encouragement of Bishop Charles.

We remained alert to both familiar and emerging forms of poverty. Housing stress, homelessness, food insecurity and cost-of-living pressures continued to affect many people. Digital exclusion and the move towards a cashless society also created new barriers, while flooding and severe weather placed additional pressure on regional communities. Through National Council, the Society continued advocating on housing, energy affordability, child wellbeing and other causes of poverty. National Council's support helped ensure the Territory's distinct needs were represented in national discussions.

I thank the NT Council for its stewardship and our CEO and staff for putting our mission into action with professionalism and care. I also thank National Council, Bishop Charles, our parishes, partners, donors and supporters. Most importantly, I thank our Members and volunteers. Your prayer, friendship and service bring practical assistance, dignity and hope to people across the Territory. Together, we will continue serving in hope, with our Companions at the heart of all we do.

Damian Legg
President
St Vincent de Paul Society
Northern Territory

WHO WE ARE

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY


Archiving Team Members

The St Vincent de Paul Society (the Society, SVDP, Vinnies) is a community of everyday people united by a shared commitment to serve others. As a lay Catholic organisation, we put faith into action through practical support, compassion and human connection. Across the Northern Territory, our Members, Volunteers and Staff work together to assist people experiencing hardship, while promoting dignity, hope and social justice.

FAITH IN ACTION

Founded in Paris in 1833 by Blessed Frédéric Ozanam and a group of university students, the Society was established on the simple principle of serving people in need with respect and compassion. The Society arrived in Australia in 1854 and has been part of the Northern Territory community since 1949, when the first Conference was established at St Mary's Star of the Sea Parish in Darwin. Today, Vinnies continues this mission through a network of dedicated Members, Volunteers and Staff serving communities across Darwin, Palmerston, Alice Springs and remote regions.

WHAT WE DO

At the heart of the Society's work are our Companions; the individuals, families and communities we walk alongside during times of hardship. People come to Vinnies for many reasons. They may be experiencing homelessness, financial stress, unemployment, illness, domestic and family violence, social isolation or the impacts of unexpected life events. Whatever their circumstances, we believe every person deserves to be treated with dignity, respect and compassion.

Through our Conferences, programs and services, we provide practical assistance, advocacy, friendship and pathways to support. This includes everything from emergency relief, housing and homelessness services, community outreach and aged care support, through to retail operations that help fund our charitable works. We strive not only to meet immediate needs but also to help people build stability, resilience and hope for the future.

OUR PEOPLE

Our strength lies in our people. We come from diverse backgrounds, cultures, professions and experiences, united by a common desire to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Conference Members, known as Vincentians, meet regularly to support their local communities through friendship, visitation and practical assistance. Volunteer Members generously contribute their time and skills across programs, events, fundraising activities and retail operations, helping extend the Society's reach and impact. Staff Members work alongside volunteers to deliver services, strengthen organisational capacity and ensure the Society remains sustainable and accountable.

Together, our Members, Volunteers and Staff embody the Society's mission through countless acts of service, from supporting families in crisis and delivering meals to people experiencing homelessness, to visiting those who are isolated and advocating for vulnerable Territorians.

WHY WE SERVE

Our work is guided by the Society's values, Catholic faith tradition and The Rule, which calls Members to grow spiritually through prayer, friendship and service to people experiencing disadvantage.

Inspired by the example of Blessed Frédéric Ozanam and generations of Vincentians who have gone before us, we continue to stand alongside those facing hardship, offering a hand up, a listening ear and a message of hope.

As Frédéric Ozanam reminded us:

"There are two reasons why we join together. First, by drawing closer to the poor, we draw closer to God. Second, our membership bears humble witness to the faith that is within us."

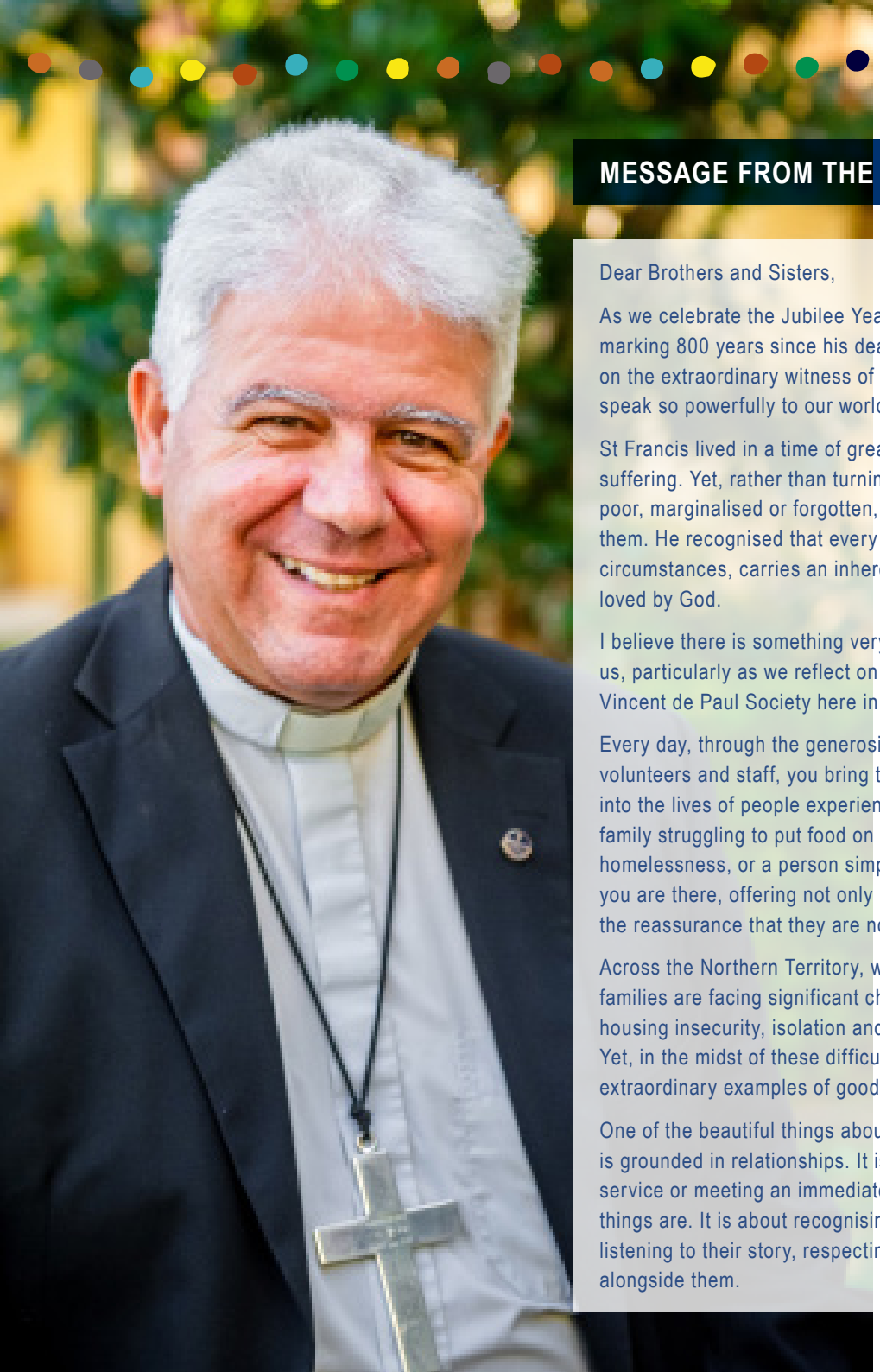
Through the dedication of our Members, Volunteers, Staff, donors and supporters, Vinnies remains committed to building a more compassionate community where no act of charity is foreign and no person is left behind.

WHAT WE DO

155
countries world wide

1,000,000
members world wide

1,500,000
volunteers world wide



MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

BISHOP CHARLES GAUCI

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we celebrate the Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi, marking 800 years since his death, we are invited to reflect on the extraordinary witness of a man whose life continues to speak so powerfully to our world today.

St Francis lived in a time of great inequality, division and suffering. Yet, rather than turning away from those who were poor, marginalised or forgotten, he chose to draw close to them. He recognised that every person, regardless of their circumstances, carries an inherent dignity and is deeply loved by God.

I believe there is something very important in this for all of us, particularly as we reflect on the wonderful work of the St Vincent de Paul Society here in the Northern Territory.

Every day, through the generosity of your members, volunteers and staff, you bring this same spirit of compassion into the lives of people experiencing hardship. Whether it is a family struggling to put food on the table, someone facing homelessness, or a person simply needing someone to listen, you are there, offering not only practical assistance but also the reassurance that they are not forgotten.

Across the Northern Territory, we know that many people and families are facing significant challenges. Rising living costs, housing insecurity, isolation and disadvantage are very real. Yet, in the midst of these difficulties, I continue to see extraordinary examples of goodness, generosity and hope.

One of the beautiful things about the work of Vinnies is that it is grounded in relationships. It is not simply about providing a service or meeting an immediate need, important as these things are. It is about recognising the person before us, listening to their story, respecting their dignity and walking alongside them.

This is something St Francis understood deeply. His life reminds us that genuine compassion begins when we allow ourselves to be touched by the experiences of others. We do not need to have all the answers or solve every problem. Sometimes, what matters most is our willingness to be present, to listen and to respond with love.

I want to particularly acknowledge the many volunteers who give so freely of their time, often quietly and without recognition. Please never underestimate the difference you make. A warm welcome, a conversation, a meal, a safe place to stay, or a simple act of kindness can have a profound impact on someone's life.

As we journey through this Jubilee Year of St Francis, my prayer is that his example will continue to inspire us to live with greater generosity, compassion and openness to one another. May we never lose sight of the person behind the circumstances, and may we always have the courage to respond when we encounter someone in need.

To everyone who is part of the St Vincent de Paul Society in the Northern Territory, I offer my heartfelt thanks. You are an important and valued part of the life and mission of our Church, and your presence makes a real difference in the lives of so many people.

May God continue to bless you and strengthen you in your service.

Yours in Christ,

+ Charles Gauci

Charles Gauci The Most Reverend
Bishop of Darwin and the Northern Territory
Catholic Diocese of Darwin

MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

FATHER ADAM CROUCH

Hi everyone,

Pope Leo XIV has invited Catholics around the world to mark the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi with a Jubilee Year from January 2026 to January 2027.

In this Jubilee year I would like to share a wonderful story about St Francis that I have read in the classic book, 'The Little Flowers of St Francis' by Raphael Brown.

"In the city of Gubbio there was a large and fierce wolf, and everyone was afraid to go outside the city gate. It was so hungry that it devoured not only the city's small animals but also humans. The city had taken up weapons against the wolf, but these were no match against the raging hunger and the razor-sharp teeth of the wolf.

But God wished to bring the holiness of St Francis to the attention of this city. Against the advice of the people, St Francis went out to meet the wolf, not protected by shield or helmet, but arming himself with faith and, putting his trust in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

When the wolf saw St Fancis coming towards him, it fiercely came running with its mouth open towards the saint. Seeing this St Francis made the Sign of the Cross towards it, and by the power of God, checked the wolf and made it slow down and close its mouth.

St Francis then spoke to the wolf "Brother Wolf, I want to make peace between You and the City of Gubbio". St Francis was so holy and strong in the virtues of charity, courtesy and forgiveness that the wolf sat down at his feet like a lamb and agreed to the peace plan.

Since the wolf agreed to the peace plan, St Francis promised him that the people of the City of Gubbio would feed him so that he would never again suffer from hunger. St Francis then walked to the Town Square where the wolf promised that he would live in peace with the people and the people promised to feed the wolf regularly. The people filled with joy and amazement promised to turn away from their sins and to come back to God. They praised and blessed Our Lord Jesus Christ who had sent St Francis to save them from such a trial and recover peace and quiet.

The wolf lived two years more and went from door to door for food. The people feed it courteously. And it is a striking fact that not a single dog ever barked at it. Then the wolf grew old and died. And the people were sorry because whenever it went through the town, its peacefulness, kindness and patients reminded them of the virtues and holiness of St Francis."

I hope this story of St Fancis inspires us to continue to trust in God and to follow Jesus' commands to feed the hungry and provide for those who remain homeless. Pope Leo says in a world marked by many divisions, St Francis continues to speak. "Not because he offers technical solutions, but because his life points to the authentic source of peace."

Thank you for your service to St Vincent de Paul Society. I pray for peace in our workplace and families and for the intercession of St Francis of Assisi and St Vincent de Paul and all the saints.

God Bless.

Fr Adam Crouch
Spiritual Advisor
St Vincent de Paul Society
Northern Territory





Jimmy & Rob at Ozanam House in Stuart Park

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

ROB LUTTER

The 2025/2026 financial year has been one of significant achievement, growth and resilience for the St Vincent de Paul Society Northern Territory. Against a backdrop of increasing housing insecurity, homelessness and cost of living pressures, our members, volunteers and staff have continued to respond with compassion, professionalism and a deep commitment to our Vincentian mission.

A major achievement this year was the Society successfully completing its Quality Improvement Council accreditation. This reflects the considerable work undertaken across the organisation and provides a strong foundation for our ongoing 18 month quality improvement plan. We also continued to maintain compliance with the National Regulatory System for Community Housing, reinforcing our commitment to safe, accountable and well-managed housing services.

Our aged care home support, housing and homelessness services remained central to our work. Through our Commonwealth Home Support Programme, we continued helping older Territorians remain safe, independent and connected in their own homes. Ozanam House provided essential support to people experiencing homelessness, while our Outreach Service expanded its work across Darwin and Palmerston.

We also continued working towards securing a permanent site for Ozanam House and the proposed Interim Accommodation Facility (IAF) in partnership with Larrakia Nation and advocating for the government support required to deliver this important project. Establishing a permanent location for these essential services remains a key priority for the Society and will provide greater certainty, stability and capacity to respond to homelessness in Darwin.

We also advanced plans to redevelop Westralia Street into a mixed-use affordable housing development and submitted an expression of interest through the Housing Australia Future Fund. This project has the potential to deliver much needed homes for Territorians.

The purchase of 55 Winnellie Road was another significant achievement. This strategic investment will provide the Society with a central warehouse and retail hub, improving the coordination, efficiency and long term sustainability of our retail operations across the Northern Territory.

Work also progressed towards establishing a Vinnies Community Store at Santa Teresa in partnership with the local parish community and the Catholic Diocese of Darwin. This initiative will improve access to affordable goods while creating opportunities for greater community participation, connection and local funds.

Our 2025/2030 Strategic Plan continues to provide clear direction for the Society. Its priorities are reflected in our investment in aged care, housing, homelessness services, emergency relief, retail, members, volunteers and organisational sustainability.

The audited financial results show the Society recorded a surplus of $1,242,474, with group revenue of $10,879,789 and expenses of $9,637,315 Our total equity now stands at $21,854,397 These results reflect prudent management and a deliberate focus on sustainability while investing in services that directly benefit our companions.

I sincerely thank President Damian Legg and the Territory Council for their leadership and support. I also thank the SVDP Housing NT Board, our members, volunteers, donors, supporters and community partners. Most importantly, I acknowledge our dedicated staff, whose commitment makes our work possible each day.

Together, we will continue walking alongside our companions experiencing hardship, providing practical assistance, hope and dignity while advocating for a fairer and more compassionate community.



Rob Lutter
CEO
St Vincent de Paul Society
Northern Territory

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2025/2026

AT A GLANCE

27,700
Territorians assisted

HELPING HANDS

65 conference members ↑ 27%

106 volunteer members ↓ -16%

61 staff members ↑ 13%



REACHING OUT TO THOSE IN NEED

549
CHSP service participants

$ 657,070
CHSP service particant savings

Transport program



4,131 trips

Home maintenance



5,684 hours

HELPING THOSE IN NEED

$227,361 direct financial assistance

$34,334 in kind support



13,566
total ER Territorians helped

407
New to ER Territorians

OUTCOMES

$3,084,285 ↑ 20%
in Centres of Charity revenue

$5,887,062 ↑ 28%
in government funding

$1,632,284 ↑ 11%
in client contributions

HELPING THE HOMELESS



10,438
showers provided



4,410
loads of washing



70,213
hub meals provided



5,335
phone charges provided



11,508
outreach meals provided

ACCOMMODATION



63,694
nights of accommodation provided



134
tenancies under management

GET INVOLVED

HOW YOU HELP US TO HELP OTHERS

FIND OUT MORE

The St Vincent de Paul Society believes in the power of community. Every day, we walk alongside people who seek our help, offering practical help, a listening ear, and a sense of hope. We're more than a charity. We're a movement of friends, volunteers, and supporters working together to restore dignity, build connection, and care for our common home.

JOIN US IN RESTORING HOPE AND DIGNITY

Whether it's through emergency relief, home visits, or a warm meal at Ozanam House, we respond to the real needs of people on the margins, always ready to adapt and serve with compassion. We're also committed to being good stewards of the earth. Through our Vinnies Shops, we give pre-loved clothes, furniture, and household goods a second life, reducing waste and raising funds for our programs. Every donation, every purchase, every act of service makes a difference.

DONATE

Your financial support helps us reach more people in need. You can give to a specific appeal or make a general donation. All donations over $2 are tax-deductible.

WORKPLACE GIVING

A small, regular donation from your pre-tax salary can go a long way. Ask your payroll team how to set it up - it's simple.

LEAVE A LEGACY

A gift in your Will ensures your values live on. Your bequest will help future generations in need and continue your legacy of compassion.

DONATE GOODS

Our Vinnies Shops rely on quality second-hand donations, clothing, furniture, and household items. These goods are sold to fund our programs or given directly to people in crisis.

IN-KIND BUSINESS SUPPORT

If you're a business or corporate group, in-kind donations are tax-deductible and deeply appreciated.

CORPORATE VOLUNTEERING

Get your team involved in a Vinnies project or event. It's a great way to give back and build a culture of community contribution.

VOLUNTEER WITH US

We're always looking for people to lend a hand. Whether you have a few hours a week or want to get involved in a bigger way, there's a place for you at Vinnies.

HERE ARE JUST A FEW WAYS TO HELP:

- Vinnies Shops: Sort donations, help customers, drive trucks, or collect goods. Ozanam House: Serve meals, run the laundry, share your gift of music or art, or simply offer a friendly chat.
- Emergency Relief: Help people in crisis with food, clothing, and referrals. Administration and Archives: Support our essential behind-the-scenes work and preserve our history.
- Events: Join our fundraising events and help with setup, promotion, or sales. Home Visitation: Visit people in their homes and offer one-on-one support.



Flood Evacuation Support

STORY OF HOPE

JAMES* GETTING BACK ON HIS FEET

For two years, James* had nowhere to call home. Sleeping rough in all weather, managing heart problems and a serious mental health condition with very little support around him. He was in one of the most vulnerable positions anyone can face. Today, thanks to his own determination and the persistence of the team at Ozanam House, he has a roof over his head, a dedicated Case Manager, and a renewed sense of hope.

Originally from New Zealand, James* moved to Australia in 1999 and built a career. Over the years, a series of personal challenges, including struggles with his health and the loss of close family connections, led to the breakdown of his housing. After spending time couch surfing and in transitional accommodation, he found himself living on the street.

When James* began visiting Ozanam House, staff took the time to get to know him and focused on his strengths. He was independent, capable of managing his own appointments, and clear about what he needed most: safe, secure accommodation, support for his mental health, and someone to talk to. He also shared a goal of one day returning to work, using the professional skills he is proud of.

Staff worked alongside James* to complete referrals to a wide range of housing and homelessness services. It wasn't easy. Many services had no vacancies, and some weren't even taking new names on their waiting lists. But the team kept going, following up regularly, advocating on his behalf, and staying in touch with James* to support his wellbeing during the long wait. They also respected what mattered to him, such as finding accommodation close to public transport so he could stay connected to services and his community. Staff helped James* get to his medical appointments by arranging transport when he needed it, and encouraged him to keep up with his healthcare, which he has done.



Mini Vinnies

That persistence paid off.

James* has now moved into mid-term accommodation with a provider that offers dedicated Case Management, and his Case Manager is helping him work towards his other goals.

The change in him has been remarkable. Staff have noticed a real improvement in both his physical and mental wellbeing, and James* has told them how much better he feels now that he has a roof over his head and people in his corner. He still drops into Ozanam House regularly for a meal and to catch up with friends, and has expressed heartfelt thanks for the support he received.

James Names have been changed to protect the privacy and identities of our companions.*



CHSP Garden Maintenance

OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

"LET US DO WITHOUT HESITATION WHATEVER GOOD LIES AT OUR HANDS" - FREDERIC OZANAM



DAMIAN LEGG, PRESIDENT

He has been a member of the NT Territory Council since 2015 where his roles have included Vice President – Centres of Charity, St Paul's Conference President, Vice President and Treasurer – Service and Chair of the Membership Advisory Committee and organisation Lead of the Christmas Hamper Project.

Damian continues to guide and collaborate with all Members, volunteers and staff, ensuring processes are clear and achievable and maintain the spirit of the Society's foundations.



DIRK BOTHA, VICE PRESIDENT

Dirk's involvement in the Society commenced in mid-2020 when he moved to Darwin and joined the St Paul's Conference.

Dirk draws on extensive executive experience across a number of industry sectors prior to committing to working for Catholic Education where he has held a senior role in executive management for over 10 years.

OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

"GO TO THE POOR: YOU WILL FIND GOD." - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



ANN-MARIE REYNOLDS, SECRETARY

Ann-Marie has proudly called Darwin home for over 16 years and joined St Vincent de Paul Society (NT) last year.

With a background in built environment, Ann-Marie has held several planning roles within the NT Government and currently works in statutory planning with the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment.



STEPHEN DIAS, TREASURER

Stephen Dias has over eight years' experience in banking, with a focus on financial analysis, lending, and risk management. He's known for making complex financial concepts easy to understand and for building strong, trusted relationships.

Passionate about supporting Indigenous communities and small business growth, Stephen brings both expertise and a genuine commitment to creating positive impact.



FATHER ADAM CROUCH, SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

Fr Adam Crouch is a Catholic priest with the Missionaries of God's Love. The Missionaries of God's Love charisms are working with young people and the poor. Fr Adam was chaplain to the Sydney Swans Academy 2016-2021 has been involved with ministry to the poor at St Vincent de Paul in Campbelltown, NSW.

Fr Adam moved to Darwin in February 2021 and was invited to take on the role as Spiritual Advisory for the Society.

OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS



BALACHANDER MOHANRAJ, OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Originally from India, Bala has been in the Territory for nearly 20 years. He has spent much of his career in the local oil and gas industry, working across engineering and management roles.

A lifelong community contributor, his commitment to serving others are reflected in his extensive volunteer work, and was awarded the 2026 City of Palmerston Citizen of the Year. He leads community events, supports St Vincent de Paul initiatives and enjoys bringing people together through faith, friendship and service.



FRANCES ABBOTT, HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

After retiring from a nursing career both overseas and in Australia, Frances joined SVDP NT initially as a Volunteer in the Emergency Relief service in 2016. She was invited to join the Conference in 2018 and voted President in December 2020.

She appreciates the opportunity to serve God's people in this way and enjoys the friendship and interaction with Conference and Society Members.



JOHN TOBIN, HOLY FAMILY CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

John was first involved with the Society in 1972 when he worked in the Brisbane night-shelter for homeless men. John moved to the Northern Territory in 1981. He joined the Holy Family Conference in 2013 after retiring.

John has found the Society to be a grand place for faith enrichment and fulfillment. He enjoys meeting and sharing yarns with our companions. He continues to be amazed by the breadth of life experience and the resilience of our companions on the journey, often in the face of so much adversity.

OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS



MATT JONG, ST PAUL'S CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

A Darwin local since 1984, Matt has worked in finance roles across the Northern Territory Government for more than 25 years, predominantly within the health sector. His professional experience has been built on supporting essential public services and strong financial stewardship.

Committed to living his faith through service, Matt values the opportunity to support people in need through the Society and enjoy the friendships, fellowship and sense of purpose that come from Conference membership.



MERCY CHEPKOECH, ST MARY'S CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Professionally, Mercy is an experienced registered nurse with a long history in critical care services. She has worked in intensive care and emergency settings, known for her clinical expertise, calm under pressure, and dedication to patient-centered care. Mercy also manages Chronic diseases in the great Darwin region.

Mercy is a committed Catholic who sees her work with the Society as a way to serve God by caring for others with compassion and dignity. Her faith is the foundation of her daily life, guiding her actions and inspiring her to bring hope and healing to those in need.



SUSAN MARSHALL, OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Sue was instrumental in the reformation of the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Conference in Alice Springs in 2023. As a long serving parishioner and friend of the Society, she thrives on the opportunity to connect others in the loving missionary works.

Sue's passion for community is a welcomed asset, alongside her experience as an educator and Assistant Principal of Religious Education.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

COMBINED STATISTICS

6	65	12	38	404
Territory Conferences	Conference Members	Associate Members	Conference Volunteers	Christmas Hampers
273	23	637	719	23
Companion Visitations	Companion Phone Calls	Emergency Relief Hours	Centres of Charity Hours	Prison Visitations



HOLY FAMILY CONFERENCE - KARAMA

- Holy Family Conference Members usually meet each week. Members are enthused by the period before general business when Conferences read and discuss a passage of Scripture and the weekly Reflection provided by our national Council. Members greatly appreciate the insights and wider context that are provided by our spiritual Directors, Father Cyrus and Father Joseph. Members, Volunteers and our Spiritual Directors enjoy fellowship dinners which the Conference holds twice a year (Wet and Dry!).

- Conference Members and our Conference Volunteers are involved with home visitation; prison visitation; weekly emergency relief sessions; sorting and packing materials at the Darwin warehouse; BBQ's at the Society's "Park Lodge" accommodation; our fund-raising religious goods stall at Parish masses; and the Society's Christmas hampers drive.

- The Conference continues to be busy with home visitation. This is often connected to requests for bedding, other furniture, fridges and washing machines. Members believe there is so much good that we learn during home visitations, and we encounter many people of strong faith. On one home visit our members learnt that our companion was being baptised the following weekend. On another occasion we had a call to check on a second-hand washing machine which we had supplied but was now leaking a lot of water. The culprit was found to be a loose coin that was jammed in the tumbler. Our elderly companion advised that "you didn't repair that by yourself - it was my prayers you know." At another home visit, we learnt that our companions are themselves working through a church group to assist young people in need of a hand up.

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART CONFERENCE - ALICE SPRINGS

- The Conference meets every three weeks on a Wednesday evening.
- Excited by an influx of members since the beginning of 2026
- ER opened on 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month
- Extending support to companions through food vouchers, blankets and Foodbank referrals.
- Christmas Hampers distributed at the end of 2025 with the generous support of donations from OLSH Catholic College
- As a conference we are exploring ways in which we can reach more companions through Visitation.


Festival Mass

CONFERENCE REPORTS

HIGHLIGHTS AND OUR GOOD WORKS

ST PAUL'S CONFERENCE - NIGHTCLIFF

- Monthly BBQ at Ted Collins Village during the dry season, providing residents with opportunities for social connection, friendship and community engagement in a welcoming environment.
- One member visits Pearl weekly, offering regular companionship, conversation and pastoral support that helps reduce social isolation and promotes wellbeing.
- Conference meets weekly, ensuring ongoing communication, collaboration and responsiveness to the needs of companions and the wider community.
- Supporting Palmerston companions through practical assistance, advocacy and compassionate accompaniment, helping individuals and families navigate periods of hardship with dignity and hope.
- Supporting the annual Christmas Hamper appeal, assisting with the preparation and distribution of hampers to ensure individuals and families experiencing hardship can enjoy the dignity and joy of the Christmas season.

HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE - CASUARINA

- Assisting our regular, known companions with food vouchers, utility bills and other expenses, including some rental contributions, has helped them remain tenants, as without this help they would be in rent arrears and facing eviction. With rising living costs and ongoing rent increases contributing to housing insecurity, supporting companions to maintain stable accommodation has remained a key focus of the Conference throughout the year.
- One member continues to be heavily involved in the archiving project, dedicating significant time and effort to preserving the Society's history and ensuring important records and stories are maintained for future generations.
- Another member volunteers in the warehouse each week, providing valuable support to operations that enable the Society to efficiently deliver assistance and resources to people in need across the community.
- The Conference meets weekly, providing members with a regular opportunity to review companion needs, coordinate assistance, share knowledge and strengthen the spirit of friendship and service that underpins our work.
- Members also supported the annual Christmas Hamper Appeal, helping to prepare and distribute hampers filled with food and essential items to individuals and families experiencing hardship, bringing hope, dignity and the joy of Christmas to those most in need.
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CDU Careers Expo

CONFERENCE REPORTS

HIGHLIGHTS AND OUR GOOD WORKS

ST MARY'S CONFERENCE - DARWIN CITY

- St Mary's Conference continues to thrive as a diverse and community-driven group, with a strong base of working families committed to outreach and social justice.
- In 2025, members successfully coordinated Christmas hamper deliveries to remote communities around Daly River, including Nauiyu, Emu Point, Wooliana,Woodycupaldiya, and the Tiwi Islands.
- Planning is underway for the 2026 deliveries, with support from SeaLink and Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic Primary School, led by long-time supporter Principal Kellie McGinley.
- Members of the African community joined in the trip in 2025 and plan the same for 2026, to Daly River and Emu Point, to help deliver hampers.
- St Mary's, along with the Order of Malta are working together to install irrigation for gardening at Emu Point for the women.
- Also working with Catholic Care NT and Order of Malta, to introduce intergenerational sewing projects for newly arrived women in Australia.
- The Order of Malta partners with St Mary's Conference to support hamper deliveries in Daly River.
- The Conference is continuously working with Sr Pauline Mfona Nakkazi, now with CatholicCare, to support youth engagement through the Daly River Encounter Program.
- Members are organising donations of practical items such as hanging racks, storage tubs, crockery, and cutlery, essentials that are often hard to source in remote areas.
- St Mary's is helping assist with renovations of the kids and youth activities room at Daly River, including cabinetry, painting and donating indoor games.
- St Mary's Conference maintains active representation in Vinnies NT, contributing to the Housing Advisory Committee for SVDP Housing NT Ltd.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIAN'S CONFERENCE - PALMERSTON CITY

- Bring hope and serve the needy through compassionate support, practical assistance, and a commitment to upholding the dignity of those experiencing hardship.
- Mental health training enhanced members' understanding of wellbeing and strengthened their ability to support people facing mental health challenges.
- Mini Vinnies at Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School supported our Parish via fundraising Raffles. This helped foster a spirit of generosity and community service among young people while raising funds to support charitable works.
- Lead the annual Good Friday walk from Palmerston to Darwin, bringing together people of faith in a shared journey of reflection, prayer and solidarity.
- Supported the Christmas gathering and dance on Boxing Day, providing opportunities for connection, inclusion and celebration within the community.
- Faith based cultural events in our Society strengthened community bonds, celebrated diversity and reinforced the values and mission of the Society.
- Vinnies members contributed to setting up and running our Parish feast day with stage performances and organising the entire function.
- Members supported the Christmas Hampers distribution continues to demonstrate that faith is most visible when expressed through compassionate action.



2025 Christmas Prty

STORY OF HOPE

A FAMILY IS SAFE

For an extended period, Tabitha* had been living without stable accommodation, sleeping rough and couch surfing while managing severe health issues and significant mobility challenges. She also had two grandchildren in her care and a kin family member who provided caregiving and cultural support. Finding suitable housing meant finding somewhere for her four-person household, not just accommodation for one person.

Vinnies Outreach Team engaged with Tabitha* at their Vinnies Van Stop in Stuart Park and took time to understand her health, housing, family, cultural circumstances and identified that a two-bedroom unit was needed to accommodate Tabitha* and her family. Tabitha's* mobility challenges and ongoing health needs made secure, appropriate housing especially important.

The Team submitted a referral on Tabitha's* behalf to SVDP Housing NT and other local community housing providers. In the Northern Territory, people experiencing homelessness have the highest public housing waitlist relative to population, with some people waiting up to 10 years for Housing.

Keeping the application moving into tenancy establishment requires ongoing contact. The Outreach Team returned to Stuart Park on multiple occasions to complete referral paperwork with Tabitha*. When she could not be found at her usual location, the Team contacted her family, including her son and daughter, to help reconnect with her. They continued communicating with the housing service and advocating for Tabitha as her application for short-term, emergency accommodation progressed.

Thanks to those efforts Tabitha and her family are safe. A four-person household was within the capacity of another not-for-profit organization and a caseworker reached out to Vinnies with the offer for the two-bedroom home available for Tabitha's family.

After Tabitha's family moved into their new home, Vinnies Outreach Team contacted her Case Manager on one occasion and were told that they were settled and doing okay.

Tabitha's story highlights the value of consistent outreach contact, careful referral information and persistent advocacy. It also shows why housing support needs to reflect a companion's health, mobility, family and cultural circumstances. For Tabitha, securing housing meant finding accommodation suited to the household and kinship support that mattered to her.

Tabitha Names have been changed to protect the privacy and identities of our companions.*



Katherine Store Volunteers

MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEERING

MIND, BODY, SOUL

Over the past 12 months, member and volunteer engagement, governance compliance, and youth participation have been strengthened across the St Vincent de Paul Society NT. Key priorities included ensuring members and volunteers remained well supported, compliant, and connected to the Society's mission and values.

GROWING OUR VINCENTIAN COMMUNITY

Membership growth and volunteer involvement were promoted through community engagement activities, parish partnerships, events, school programs, and information sessions. These initiatives increased awareness of the Society's work, generated new volunteer enquiries, and created stronger pathways into Conference membership.

BUILDING CAPABILITY AND CONFIDENCE

A range of training opportunities was coordinated throughout the year, including de-escalation and safeguarding training. Participant feedback indicated increased confidence and greater preparedness when supporting companions and engaging with community members.

ENGAGING THE NEXT GENERATION

In partnership with the Youth and Young Persons Coordinator, youth engagement continued to expand through school-based initiatives, Mini Vinnies programs, youth leadership opportunities, and pathways into adult membership. These activities strengthened connections between young people and the Vincentian mission while fostering the next generation of members and volunteers.

A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

Collectively, these efforts have contributed to a stronger, more compliant, and better-supported membership and volunteer network, positioning the Society for sustainable growth and continued service to Territorians experiencing disadvantage.

2025 SOCIETY RECOGNITION AWARDS

Recognition of Outstanding Service Award:

Julie Patterson

Carmel Ong

Shane Wilson

Volunteer Values Award:

Celina Okeleke

Balina Shrestha

Judith Norman

Susan Carr

Team Volunteer Values Award

Conference Revival Team of Kay FitzpatricK, Dirk Botha, Eddie Peters, Holy Family Conference Members

Archive Team of Gerry McCormack, Erica McMasters, Fay Gurr and Chelsea Bacolour

Vintertainers Music Group of Patricia Fernandes, Mario Fernandes, Jemima Fernandes, Ryan Pereira, Justina Pereira

Length of Service:

Elizabeth Clark

FIND OUT MORE



Christmas Hamper Project

YOUTH & YOUNG PEOPLE

NURTURING A NEW GENERATION

This past year has seen the successful reintroduction of Vinnies Groups in schools across Darwin and the Palmerston Region. The Society seeks to help young people understand that their actions can make a valuable difference in other people's lives. It has been inspiring to see students motivated to live out their faith through acts of service. The example set by a young, Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the St Vincent de Paul Society shows us that the actions of one person can make great change.

FUNDRAISING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

The support from schools has increased greatly including donations of money, non-perishable food, clothing and toys. The support of the Christmas Hamper Appeal has grown immensely and continues to be a major focus for the schools. Students have also developed many activities to raise awareness of the needs of others in their community.

The Vinnies School Groups have actively supported the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society through fundraising and advocacy events for the CEO Sleepout. The student groups across many schools planned and implemented specific events to educate their community on the needs of the many Australians who are experiencing homelessness. They conducted many fundraising events including 6 schools taking part in the Schools SleepIn. The CEO Sleepout NT Schools Team included three school leaders which is hopefully the start of greater support in the future.

VINNIES SCHOOL GATHERINGS

The most successful initiative in the last year has been the introduction of the Vinnies School Gatherings. The first Schools Gathering was in October 2025 at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School with over 80 students in attendance. The day fostered collaboration, creativity, and camaraderie among students from various schools. It provided a platform for students to share their experiences of being part of a school's Mini Vinnies Group or Social Justice Team. The day also involved activities to educate the students and staff on the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society in the Northern Territory. Conference members were able to share their experiences with the students and start to develop stronger relationships between the work of the Conference members and the schools' groups. The Schools Gathering now happens twice a year providing the students with the opportunity to learn more about the St Vincent de Paul Society, meet students from other schools, share ideas and develop stronger links with Conference Members.

SUPPORTING FUTURE VINCENTIANS

The St Vincent de Paul Society supported the Ignite Conference which was held in Darwin for the first time. It was a three-day Conference that provided an opportunity for young people to come together to be supported in their faith. It provided workshops with keynote speakers, social activities, whole group rallies and opportunities for prayer. Although the number of youths that attended was less than expected, having a stall at the Conference promoted the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society throughout the NT and highlighted the in-school programs.

We look forward to the ongoing growth and development of our schools' programs and strive to develop a pathway for school leavers to continue their association with Vinnies.

GROUPS

Mini Vinnies:

- St Paul's Catholic Primary School
- Holy Spirt Catholic Primary School
- Holy Family Catholic Primary School
- Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Vinnies College Kids:

- O'Loughlin Catholic College

Schools Mission Groups:

- St Mary's Catholic Primary School
- St John's Catholic College
- Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School



IGNITE Conference

SVDP HOUSING NT

PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT TRANSITIONING FROM HOMELESSNESS

Access to safe and secure housing is a fundamental human right. A home provides a sense of identity, safety, and belonging, serving as the foundation from which individuals and families can rebuild their lives, develop independence, and break the cycle of homelessness. In line with the St Vincent de Paul Society's Strategic Plan, our Housing Program remains committed to improving outcomes for tenants and strengthening pathways to long-term housing across the Northern Territory.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

SVDP Housing NT continues to grow as a dedicated provider of community housing, delivering safe, affordable, and supportive accommodation to vulnerable Territorians. While tenancy management remains at the core of our work, we are committed to providing wrap-around supports that promote independence, dignity, and wellbeing. Case Workers work closely with companions to facilitate access to health services, education, training, employment opportunities, and community connections.

A significant achievement this year was successfully attaining Quality Improvement Council (QIC) Accreditation in June 2026. This milestone reflects our commitment to continuous improvement, strong governance, and delivering high-quality services that meet nationally recognised standards. We also successfully completed another year of National Regulatory System for Community Housing (NRSCH) accreditation with no recommendations, highlighting the strength and effectiveness of our housing operations and compliance practices.

SOCIETY-OWNED PATHWAYS TO HOUSING

The Bakhita Centre in Coconut Grove provides transitional accommodation and support for people experiencing homelessness. Companions receive case management and assistance to engage with training, employment pathways, and community services that help them move toward greater independence.

Ted Collins Village provides affordable housing for families seeking stability and security. Alongside tenancy support, residents are encouraged to build social connections through community activities and events.

In Katherine, Ormonde House offers supported accommodation for men who are working toward greater independence. Residents are supported to develop life skills, access training opportunities, and pursue employment pathways.

GOVERNMENT-FUNDED HOUSING PROGRAMS

Park Lodge in Stuart Park provides medium-term transitional accommodation for single men, supporting residents to build the skills and confidence needed to secure and sustain long-term housing outcomes.

The Bernhard Centre in Katherine provides housing for individuals, couples, and families. Our Tenancy Officers continue to work closely with tenants, local services, and community partners to foster a safe, respectful, and connected living environment. Positive tenant engagement and ongoing support have contributed to a strong sense of community and improved outcomes for residents.

BUILDING COMMUNITY AND SUPPORTING TENANTS

Beyond providing housing, our teams remain focused on creating welcoming and connected communities. Throughout the year, residents participated in tenant BBQs, community activities, and seasonal celebrations that strengthened social connections and reduced isolation. These opportunities play an important role in fostering belonging and supporting positive tenancy outcomes.

Our work is made possible through the continued support of our funding bodies, partner agencies, staff, volunteers, and community supporters. We are particularly grateful to the US Marines and Navy personnel who generously volunteered their time assisting with painting, maintenance, and improvement works across several housing sites. Their contribution helped enhance living environments for our companions and residents.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to providing more than housing. Through quality services, strong partnerships, and a focus on continuous improvement, we will continue working alongside our companions to create safe homes and opportunities for brighter futures.

HOUSING PROGRAMS



68	5	61
single male accommodation	single female accommodation	family & unit accommodation



73	61	134
society owned accommodation	government accommodation	total accommodation

SVDP HOUSING NT CHAIRMANS REPORT

ANDREW BARTINGTON

Over the past year, SVDP Housing NT Ltd has continued to strengthen its role as a trusted community housing provider, delivering safe, secure and sustainable housing for vulnerable Territorians while responding to increasing demand for affordable housing across the Northern Territory.

Despite ongoing challenges across the housing sector, our organisation has remained focused on supporting individuals and families to achieve housing stability through high-quality services, strong governance and a commitment to continuous improvement. This year has been one of significant achievement and progress across the organisation.

A major highlight was the successful completion of our National Regulatory System for Community Housing (NRSCH) compliance assessment. SVDP Housing NT was assessed as compliant across all performance outcomes, reflecting the strength of our governance, operational systems and service delivery. We also achieved Quality Improvement Council (QIC) Accreditation, an important milestone that demonstrates our commitment to quality, accountability and best practice. These achievements provide confidence to residents, regulators, funders and stakeholders that our services meet recognised standards of excellence.

Significant progress was also made in asset management and property maintenance. Through a one-off Repairs and Maintenance grant, building condition assessments were completed across key Darwin properties, informing priority improvement works. Solar installation at the Katherine Men's Hostel is expected to deliver annual electricity savings of more than $8,000, while additional upgrades at the Darwin Hostels have improved safety, amenity and long-term sustainability.

The flooding events in Katherine presented considerable challenges during the year. Our staff worked closely with emergency services, government agencies and community partners to support affected residents and maintain service continuity. Their efforts demonstrated exceptional resilience, professionalism and commitment to resident wellbeing.

Throughout the year, tenancy management and compliance systems were further strengthened through policy reviews, internal audits, rent reviews and improved monitoring processes. These initiatives have enhanced service consistency, reduced organisational risk and positioned the organisation well for future growth.

On behalf of the Board, I extend my sincere thanks to our dedicated staff, residents, funding partners, government stakeholders and community partners for their ongoing support and collaboration. I also acknowledge our colleagues across the broader St Vincent de Paul Society network for their continued partnership and shared commitment to positive community outcomes.

As we look ahead, SVDP Housing NT remains focused on improving housing outcomes, maintaining quality housing assets and supporting some of the Northern Territory's most vulnerable people through safe, stable and affordable housing.

Andrew Bartington
Chairman
SVDP Housing NT Ltd
Northern Territory



New Truck



Andrew Bartington has worked in the Northern Territory since 2010, leading the delivery of the Zuccoli Village, Johnston Ridge and now Holtze residential land communities. He has extensive property acquisition, delivery and financing experience, through projects across Australia, New Zealand and to Dubai. His clients include the Northern Territory Land Development Corporation, AVJennnings, Investa, Stockland and Housing New South Wales. Andrew brings a focus on delivering innovative well designed communities and housing to his role as the chair of SVDP Housing NT.

HOMELESSNESS SUPPORT PROGRAM

OZANAM HOUSE DAY CENTRE HUB

Ozanam House continued to provide a safe and welcoming space for people experiencing homelessness and hardship across the Greater Darwin region. Throughout the year, demand for services remained high, reinforcing the Centre's role as a vital hub for connection, support and dignity.

During the Wet Season, more than 250 companions regularly accessed the Centre each day, with strong attendance continuing throughout the Dry Season. Alongside growing demand, staff observed increasingly complex needs, with many companions requiring coordinated support across housing, health, financial hardship and social services. Access to suitable accommodation remained one of the greatest challenges, with limited housing availability and ongoing pressure across the sector.

QUALITY SERVICES AND SAFE SPACES

A significant achievement during the year was Ozanam House attaining QIC Accreditation, recognising the team's commitment to quality service delivery and continuous improvement.

The Centre also benefited from important infrastructure upgrades, including new roofing to provide additional shade and covered day beds that offer companions a safe and dignified place to rest. These improvements have enhanced comfort and wellbeing while creating a more welcoming environment for those accessing the service.

BUILDING COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

Community connection remains central to life at Ozanam House. Activities throughout the year provided opportunities for companionship, creativity and social inclusion.

Companions celebrated NAIDOC Week by creating an Aboriginal flag canvas using their own handprints and fingerprints, while National Reconciliation Week featured art activities, games and karaoke. Weekly Monday Game Days and the popular Friday Community BBQ continued to bring people together, helping reduce social isolation and foster a sense of belonging.

These activities are an important part of building trust, strengthening relationships and creating positive experiences for companions facing difficult circumstances.

STRONG PARTNERSHIPS, BETTER OUTCOMES

Partnerships continued to play a vital role in supporting companions. Weekly visits from Darwin Community Legal Service improved access to legal advice, while Danila Dilba delivered onsite health initiatives including Hepatitis testing and vaccination clinics. TeamHEALTH provided health support and brokerage assistance, while collaboration with Bakhita Housing and Mission Australia helped companions secure accommodation.

Additional partnerships with Anglicare NT, CatholicCare NT, Salvation Army, Central Intake, Lutheran Care, Yilli Housing, Larrakia Nation Transport and the Menzies School of Health Research strengthened pathways to housing, healthcare and other essential services. A new voucher initiative with the Vinnies Warehouse also provided access to blankets and warm clothing for companions during the cooler months.

INVESTING IN PEOPLE

Staff continued to build their skills through specialised training in safe sharps handling and de-escalation techniques, ensuring a safe and supportive environment for companions, volunteers and colleagues.

The year also saw team members progress into new roles within the Society, while Ozanam House continued its partnership with Charles Darwin University by hosting student placements and supporting the development of future community service professionals.

Through the dedication of staff, volunteers and partner organisations, Ozanam House remains a place of hope, respect and practical support for some of the Territory's most vulnerable community members.



Ozanam House Christmas Party

OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Community Support on Wheels Outreach Program continued to provide vital frontline support to people experiencing homelessness and hardship across Darwin and Palmerston. Through the delivery of meals, practical assistance and referrals, Outreach remained a consistent and compassionate pres-ence for companions facing complex challenges including homelessness, financial hardship and health concerns.

Throughout the year, staff observed increasing levels of vulnerability among companions accessing the service, with many requiring coordinated support across multiple areas of need. Housing remained the most significant challenge, with limited accommodation options and ongoing pressure across the homelessness sector making it difficult for people to secure stable housing.

RESPONDING TO COMMUNITY NEED

Between July and December 2025, the Outreach team delivered services across five locations including Holzerland Park, Sunset Park, Rapid Creek Footbridge, Robyn Lesley Park and Palmerston Water-park Carpark.

HELPING THE HOMELESS



11,508
meals provided



2,322
internal referrals provided



135
external referrals provided

THE VINNIES VAN

Following a review of attendance and community engagement, service delivery was re-fined in January 2026 to focus on three regular locations: Holzerland Park in Malak, Vinnies Shop Palmerston and Vinnies Shop Stuart Park.

This more targeted approach improved consistency, strengthened relationships with companions and helped establish reliable service times and locations. Across the reporting year, Outreach delivered 11,508 meals, providing not only nourishment but also a valuable opportunity for connection and engagement.

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO SUPPORT

The Outreach team continued to work closely with companions to identify needs and connect them with appropriate services. During the year, 2,322 internal referrals were made to St Vincent de Paul Society programs and 135 external referrals were provided to specialist homelessness, housing and support agencies.

Strong partnerships with organisations including Bakhita Housing, Mission Australia, Anglicare NT, CatholicCare NT, TeamHEALTH, Danila Dilba, Darwin Community Legal Service and the Menzies School of Health Research helped improve access to a range of supports. Collaboration with housing providers contributed to positive outcomes for companions, including individuals who successfully secured accommodation following ongoing advocacy and referral support.

PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE AND COMMUNITY CONNECTION

The program continued to adapt to emerging needs throughout the year. As attendance increased at Vinnies Shop Palmerston, additional safety measures were introduced to support companion wellbeing and maintain a safe and welcoming environment.

The Vinnies Warehouse voucher initiative also provided practical assistance, enabling companions to access clothing, blankets and other essential items. A total of 64 instances of material assistance were provided, with demand increasing during the cooler months.

Despite ongoing challenges in the housing sector, the Outreach Program continued to provide practical support, meaningful connections and pathways to assistance. Through the dedication of staff and community partners, Community Support on Wheels remains an important source of hope, dignity and support for companions across Darwin and Palmerston.


Outreach

EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM

GETTING BACK ON TRACK

Emergency Relief Services continued to provide a vital source of support for individuals and families experiencing financial hardship across the Northern Territory. Throughout the year, the ongoing cost of living pressures, housing instability and unexpected personal crises contributed to sustained demand for assistance, highlighting the critical role of Emergency Relief in helping people navigate difficult circumstances.

Our dedicated Members, Volunteers and staff remained committed to delivering compassionate, practical support to those most in need. Through a person-centred approach, the program assisted companions facing challenges ranging from financial stress and unemployment to housing insecurity and family hardship. By providing timely assistance and connecting people with broader support networks, Emergency Relief continued to help individuals and families regain stability and confidence during times of crisis.

PRACTICAL SUPPORT FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

The program delivered a range of essential supports designed to address immediate needs while promoting longer-term wellbeing. Assistance included access to food relief, clothing, household goods and essential everyday items, ensuring companions could meet their most pressing requirements.

In addition to material aid, the program provided referrals, advocacy and connections to specialist services, enabling companions to access the support needed to address underlying challenges. This holistic approach recognises that meaningful assistance extends beyond immediate relief, creating pathways toward greater resilience and independence.

RESPONDING TO GROWING DEMAND

As community need continued to increase, additional funding was secured to strengthen service delivery and expand the program's capacity to respond. During the year, approximately $58,913 in additional funding was received through the Department of Social Services, supporting the continued provision of Emergency Relief across the Territory.

The organisation also secured a further $30,000 in donated funding to assist communities impacted by flooding. This support enabled the provision of timely relief and practical assistance to individuals and families affected by natural disaster, helping communities recover and rebuild during a period of significant challenge.

THE STRENGTH OF PARTNERSHIP

Collaboration remained central to the success of the Emergency Relief Program. Strong partnerships with community organisations, donors, supporters and volunteers enhanced the range and reach of assistance available to vulnerable households throughout the year.

New and strengthened partnerships improved access to food relief and other essential resources, ensuring support could be delivered efficiently and effectively to those experiencing hardship. The generosity of donors and the ongoing commitment of volunteers continued to make a meaningful difference in the lives of companions across the Northern Territory.

BUILDING CAPACITY FOR THE FUTURE

To support growing demand, investment was made in additional storage infrastructure, strengthening the program's ability to manage donated goods, furnishings and whitegoods. These improvements will enhance operational efficiency and increase the availability of essential household items for individuals and families working to establish or re-establish stable living arrangements.

Despite ongoing funding pressures and rising demand for services, the Emergency Relief Program remained responsive, accessible and compassionate. Through the dedication of Members, Volunteers, staff and community partners, Vinnies continued to provide hope, dignity and practical support to people when they needed it most, ensuring no one faced hardship alone.



Bakhita Centre BBQ

COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM

ASSISTING THE AGING

The St Vincent de Paul Society NT continues to support older Territorians through the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP), helping people maintain their independence, safety and wellbeing while remaining in their own homes and connected to their communities.

Throughout the 2025-26 financial year, demand for CHSP services remained strong as many older people faced increasing financial pressures and the ongoing challenges associated with ageing at home. Through practical assistance and personalised support, the program continued to play an important role in enhancing quality of life for older Territorians.

SUPPORTING INDEPENDENT LIVING

During the year, CHSP supported 549 clients across the Northern Territory, including 125 new clients accessing services for the first time. This continued growth reflects both increasing community need and the trust placed in the program by older Territorians and their families.

Garden Maintenance and Home Maintenance services remained in high demand, helping clients maintain safe, tidy and accessible living environments. Over the year, the team delivered 10,948 gardening service units and 70 pressure washing and high-cleaning services. Collectively, these services provided approximately 5,684 hours of direct support, representing an estimated value of more than $653,000 to clients and the wider community.

Beyond practical assistance, these services help improve safety, reduce risks associated with ageing and support people to remain living independently for longer. For many clients, regular visits from CHSP staff also provide valuable social interaction, reassurance and connection.

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Transportation services continued to be a vital component of the program, ensuring older Territorians could access essential services and remain connected with family, friends and community activities.

During the year, 485 taxi trips were provided, assisting clients to attend medical appointments, complete essential shopping and participate in social activities. These services help reduce barriers to accessing support while promoting independence and reducing social isolation.

By enabling safe and reliable transport, CHSP helps older people remain active, engaged and connected to the people and places that matter most to them.

STRENGTHENING QUALITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

A key focus throughout the year was strengthening compliance, service quality and long-term sustainability. The CHSP team successfully addressed quality review findings and implemented improvements across service delivery, documentation and operational processes, enhancing efficiency and service outcomes.

Additional funding was secured to support the continued growth of Meals on Wheels, Domestic Assistance and Transport services, increasing total CHSP funding to approximately $2.01 million for 2026-27. Further investment in equipment, service improvements and planning for a dedicated CHSP demountable office has strengthened operational capacity and positioned the program for future growth.

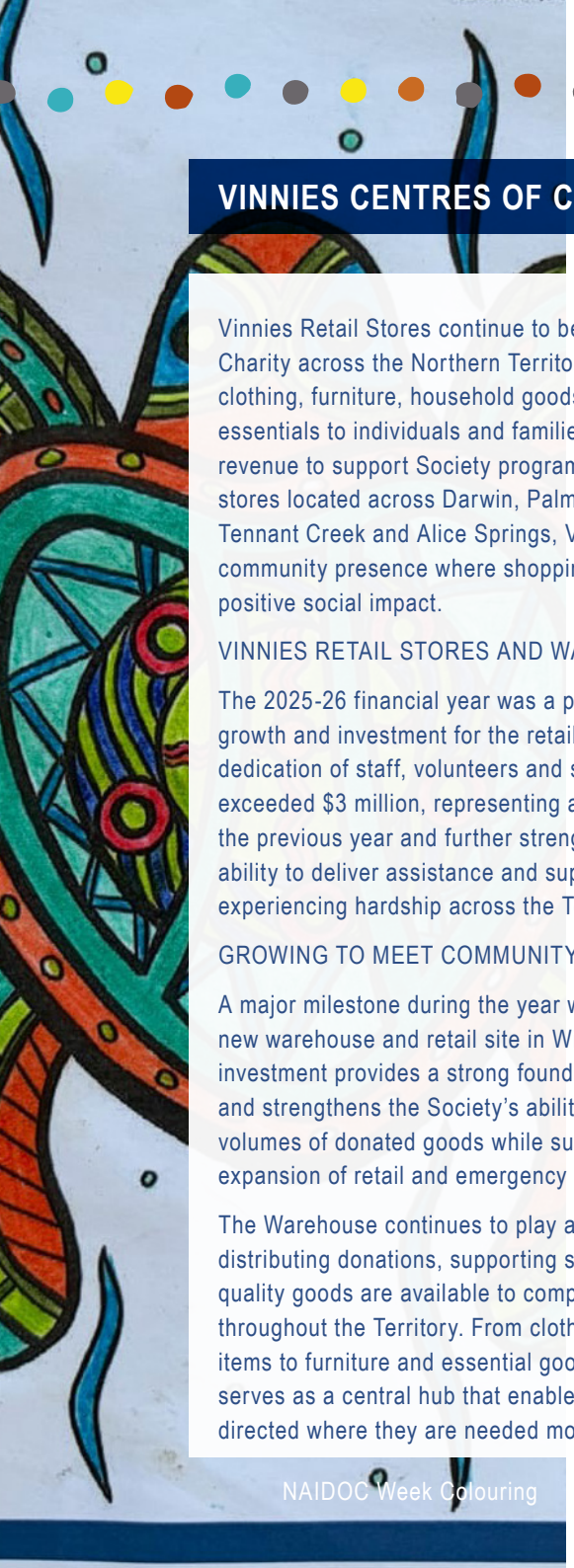
DELIVERING REAL VALUE

CHSP continued to deliver significant financial benefits to clients during a period of rising living costs. Based on average client contributions of just 15 per cent, the program generated an estimated $555,611 in client savings throughout the year.

These savings helped older Territorians preserve their independence, remain safely in their homes and continue participating in their communities. Through the dedication of staff, partners and supporters, CHSP remains committed to delivering services that uphold dignity, promote wellbeing and help people age with confidence and connection.



CHSP



NAIDOC Week Colouring

VINNIES CENTRES OF CHARITY

MORE THAN A STORE

Vinnies Retail Stores continue to be vibrant Centres of Charity across the Northern Territory, providing affordable clothing, furniture, household goods and everyday essentials to individuals and families while generating vital revenue to support Society programs and services. With stores located across Darwin, Palmerston, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs, Vinnies remains a trusted community presence where shopping with purpose creates positive social impact.

VINNIES RETAIL STORES AND WAREHOUSE

The 2025-26 financial year was a period of significant growth and investment for the retail network. Through the dedication of staff, volunteers and supporters, retail sales exceeded $3 million, representing a substantial increase on the previous year and further strengthening the Society's ability to deliver assistance and support to people experiencing hardship across the Territory.

GROWING TO MEET COMMUNITY NEED

A major milestone during the year was the purchase of a new warehouse and retail site in Winnellie. This strategic investment provides a strong foundation for future growth and strengthens the Society's ability to manage increasing volumes of donated goods while supporting the continued expansion of retail and emergency relief operations.

The Warehouse continues to play a critical role in distributing donations, supporting stores and ensuring quality goods are available to companions and customers throughout the Territory. From clothing and household items to furniture and essential goods, the warehouse serves as a central hub that enables resources to be directed where they are needed most.

STRENGTHENING OPERATIONS

To further improve service delivery, the Society purchased a new warehouse truck through an approved grant. The additional vehicle has significantly increased the organisation's capacity to collect donated goods, deliver emergency relief items and support store operations across the Territory.

Importantly, the new truck has enhanced the Society's ability to support remote community stores through donation collections and textile recycling pick-ups. This expanded capability strengthens connections with regional and remote communities while ensuring donated goods can continue to be repurposed, reused and redirected to people in need.

These improvements have increased operational efficiency and responsiveness while ensuring the Retail and Warehouse teams can continue adapting to growing community demand.

INVESTING IN OUR PEOPLE

Alongside infrastructure and operational improvements, the Society continued to invest in systems that support staff wellbeing and organisational effectiveness. During the year, payroll operations transitioned to the Workday People Connect platform, streamlining administrative processes and improving workforce management.

The new system has helped simplify day-to-day operations, providing staff with more accessible and efficient tools while supporting healthier work-life balance outcomes. These improvements contribute to a stronger workplace culture and enable teams to focus on delivering positive outcomes for companions, customers and the wider community.

LOOKING FORWARD

As demand for support services continues to grow, the Retail and Warehouse network remains committed to innovation, sustainability and community impact. Through strategic investment, strong operational foundations and the ongoing support of volunteers, donors, customers and staff, Vinnies Retail Stores continue to transform donated goods into meaningful assistance for those experiencing hardship.

Every donation received, item purchased and volunteer hour contributed helps strengthen communities across the Northern Territory, ensuring that Vinnies remains a place where generosity, dignity and practical support come together to make a lasting difference.



Alice Springs Team

FUNDRAISING

FOR OUR TERRRITORY PROGRAMS

Territorians continue to face significant challenges, with cost-of-living pressures, housing insecurity, and financial hardship affecting individuals and families across the Northern Territory. Throughout the year, the remarkable generosity of our members, volunteers, donors, corporate partners, schools, parishes, and wider community has enabled the St Vincent de Paul Society NT to continue delivering practical support, hope, and dignity to people experiencing hardship.

Through fundraising appeals, community initiatives, donations, and in-kind support, the Territory community has once again demonstrated its commitment to helping those most in need. We are deeply grateful for every contribution that helps us provide assistance and foster hope for a better future.

NATIONAL APPEALS & PARTNERSHIPS

The 2025 Winter and Christmas Appeals highlighted the growing number of people facing housing stress and financial hardship across Australia.

Vinnies Australia again partnered with Gravox during the Christmas period to help support Australians experiencing hardship.

Vinnies Assist-A-Student continued vital fundraising work to support people in need of education as a key pathway to aid in breaking the cycle of poverty.

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING

The Vinnies Christmas Hampers Project remained a cornerstone of community giving in 2025, delivering hundreds of Christmas hampers to families and individuals across the Greater Darwin Region, Palmerston, Daly River Communities, Alice Springs, and surrounding areas. Christmas Hamper donations, including non-perishable food items, household essentials, and children's gifts, were generously provided by local schools, businesses, parishes, community groups, and individual supporters. The continued success of the project reflects the compassion and dedication of our members, volunteers, and staff, who work tirelessly throughout the Christmas period to ensure no family feels forgotten.

OUR LOYAL DONORS

We are sincerely grateful to our loyal donors whose ongoing generosity makes our work possible. Their support enables the Society to respond quickly to emerging needs and provide assistance where it is needed most. Donations may be directed to specific appeals, programs, or general fundraising initiatives that support the Society's mission across the Northern Territory.

DONATE TODAY

The St Vincent de Paul Society NT is registered with the Australian Taxation Office as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) charity. Donations of $2 or more are tax deductible and contribute directly to supporting vulnerable individuals and families in our communities.

NT FUNDS RAISED

$285,368

generous doantions



Ozanam House

CEO SLEEPOUT

NORTHERN TERRITORY

The Vinnies CEO Sleepout is a unique way for business and community leaders to actively combat homelessness by raising funds and awareness while gaining a glimpse of what it is like to sleep rough for a night.

Participants register online and commit to fundraising a minimum of $750, with those raising $2,000 achieving Power Napper status and participants raising $5,000 or more becoming members of the Deep Sleeper Club.

WHAT HAPPENED IN 2026

On Thursday, 18 June, 33 business, government, club and community leaders took part in the Northern Territory Vinnies CEO Sleepout at Fannie Bay Gaol. Two participants also joined remotely, sleeping out in Alice Springs and Darwin.

Participants heard powerful stories from special guests, representing Bakhita Centre and Ozanam House, highlighting the impact local homelessness services have on vulnerable Territorians.

The 2026 event achieved its strongest result to date, raising more than $130,000, including $5,560 raised through the event auction. Funds raised remain in the Northern Territory, supporting Vinnies homelessness services, emergency relief programs and initiatives that assist individuals and families experiencing hardship.

Since the first NT CEO Sleepout in 2010, Territorians have now contributed well over $1.4 million to support people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

RECOGNISING OUR TOP FUNDRAISERS

- Highest Individual Fundraiser: Clalia Marr, Catholic Diocese of Darwin with $8,267 raised
- Highest Team Fundraiser: Ichthys Team 2026 from INPEX with $13,183 raised

We also sincerely thank INPEX for their additional $20,000 donation, helping make the 2026 Sleepout the most successful Northern Territory event on record.

THANK YOU

We are also grateful to our donors, sponsors, volunteers, auction prize donors and the families, friends and workplaces who supported participants throughout their fundraising journeys. Together, you are helping Vinnies provide practical support, hope and dignity to Territorians facing homelessness and disadvantage.

FIND OUT MORE

VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT™

THANK YOU SUPPORTERS

Event MC:
Her Worship the Mayor of Litchfield, Ms Rachael Wright

Welcome to Country:
Jeanneen McLennan and the Larrakia Nation.

Opening Prayer:
Bishop Eugene Hurley

Event Ambassadors:
Robyn Cahill OAM (NT Government)
Annie Taylor (NT Shelter)

MP
Laurie Zio, Member for Fannie Bay

Special Guests
**Names have been excluded to protect the privacy and identities of our companions.*
for sharing their personal experiences and reminding participants why their fundraising efforts matter



National
Sky News
The Australian
oOh! media
The CEO Institute
Visy NT

Local:
Museum and Art Gallery of the NT
Wilson's Security
Lay Group Asian United Food Services
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US Marine Corps

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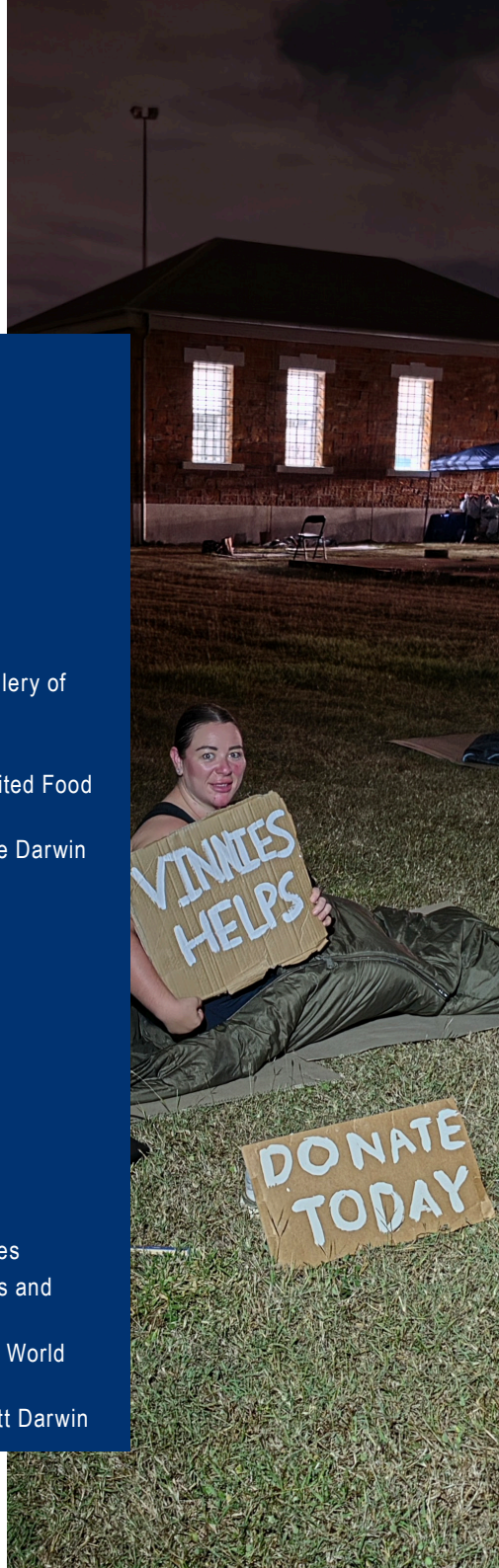

PROJECTS

OUR TERRITORY FUTURE

STUART PARK – 2 WESTRALIA ST, AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT:

The Society continued to progress the proposed affordable housing development at 2 Westralia Street, Stuart Park. In February 2026, the Society submitted an Expression of Interest for round three of the Commonwealth's Housing Australia Future Fund. The Society expects to be invited to submit a detailed application later in the year.

COCONUT GROVE – OZANAM HOUSE DAY CENTRE

The Society secured a three-year lease extension for Ozanam House at Coconut Grove, supporting the continued operation of the centre through to 10 May 2029.

INTERIM ACCOMMODATION FACILITY

In partnership with Larrakia Nation, the Society continued planning to relocate Ozanam House from Coconut Grove to a permanent site with capacity to expand services, including accommodation options for people experiencing homelessness, transient visitors and people needing crisis support.

The Northern Territory Government has identified a site for further investigation. Further progress will depend on the Society's due diligence assessment of the site and confirmation of funding for the development.

To support advocacy and investment discussions, the Society and Larrakia Nation are preparing a short-form business case and brochure outlining community need, proposed services and expected community benefit.

The partners are also considering a staged delivery approach that may enable a lower-cost, nearer-term relocation of Day Services while preserving the longer-term vision for an integrated Interim Accommodation Facility with a broad range of support services.

55 WINNELLIE ROAD – WAREHOUSE AND RETAIL EXPANSION

The Society advanced its warehouse and retail expansion through the purchase of 55 Winnellie Road. A contract for building renovation works was awarded to local builder C&R Constructions, with works commencing in June 2026 and expected to be completed in September 2026.

107 DICK WARD DRIVE – WAREHOUSE CONVERSION TO RETAIL

The Society progressed site investigations and design work to convert the warehouse at 107 Dick Ward Drive, Coconut Grove, into a new Vinnies retail store. A development application will be lodged for the proposed change of use, with the store expected to open in early 2027.

SANTA TERESA RETAIL STORE

The Society continued to explore establishing a retail store at Santa Teresa in partnership with the Santa Teresa Parish and the Catholic Diocese of Darwin. Under the proposed service model, the Society would establish the store and provide ongoing in-kind stock, while the Parish would manage day-to-day operations.


Ted Collins Playground


Park Lodge Car Park upgrade



US Marines & CEO Sleepout



CEO Sleepout dinner



Vinnies Van

OUR GOVERNANCE

SVDPNT

The full name of the Northern Territory Society is "St Vincent de Paul Society (NT) Inc". Our Australian Business Number (ABN) is 11 300 386 527 and we are incorporated under the NT Associations Act 2015. The Society is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) and holds the appropriate Deductible Gift Recipient endorsement. As a Public Benevolent Institution, we are endorsed to access the following charity tax concessions:

• Income tax exemption from 1 July 2000 under Subdivision 50-B of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997

• GST Concessions from 1 July 2005 under Division 176 of A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999

• FBT Exemption from 1 July 2005 under section 123C of the Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act 1986.

Our insurance is held through HOLDFAST Insurance Brokers and AON.

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

The Society has three categories of membership, Conference Members, Associate Members and Volunteer Members. There are established procedures for registration as a member, and any person registered as a conference member has voting rights in relation to the Society.

OUR CONFERENCES

Our five Territory conferences report quarterly to the Territory Council and meet on a regular basis. All bank accounts relating to the Conferences are managed by their respective Treasurer and report to Council.

Conference presidents are elected for a term not exceeding four years, and the president appoints all other office bearers in their conference. All conference member and volunteer positions are unpaid.

THE TERRITORY COUNCIL

The Council is ultimately responsible for the oversight and review of the management, administration, and overall governance of the Society in the Northern Territory.

Council responsibilities include:

• Meeting the Society's objectives and reporting against the Strategic Plan

• Protecting members' interests

• Upholding the values of the St Vincent de Paul Society and adhering to high moral standards and ethical behaviour

• Authorising policies and overseeing the strategic direction of the Society

• Establishing management goals and monitoring their achievement

• Approving major capital expenditure, major financial commitments and the annual budget

• Approving the annual report and financial statements

• Ensuring compliance with applicable laws and regulations

• Monitoring the risk management strategy

• Providing a linkage between subsidiary Councils and Conferences to the National Council.

The composition of the Territory Council is determined using the following principles:

• The President of each Conference is a member of the Territory Council

• The Territory President is elected by the Territory Council for a period not exceeding four years

• The Territory President has the right to appoint Society conference members to the Council including Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, a Youth Representative, and a Spiritual Advisor.

The Territory Council meets at least once every quarter and is currently composed of ten members and a non-voting ex-officio member, being the Spiritual Advisor. The Territory Council President is the Society's representative on the National Council of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia. The Territory Council delegates management of the Society's resources to the executive team under the leadership of the Chief Executive Officer, to deliver the strategic direction and goals determined by council. A financial audit is conducted by an independent auditor chosen through a select tender process.

INVESTING IN OUR SOCIETY

During this reporting period, the Society supported a Spiritual Retreat, Safeguarding Training, Cross-Cultural Awareness Training, Understanding Mental Health and Workplace Wellbeing training, Workplace Health and Safety training, First Aid training, De-escalating Training, Suicide Prevention Training, ELMO online learning modules.

SAFEGUARDING

The Society strives to work with the wider community to prevent all forms of abuse. All members, volunteers and staff of the Society hold a current 'Working with Children' check through SafeNT and complete a National Police Check biannually.

WORK, HEALTH AND SAFETY VISION

The Society is committed to ensuring the health and wellbeing of its employees, volunteers, and the community by increasing awareness of workplace safety; providing a safe place and safe systems of work and eliminating or reducing hazards that could result in injury or ill health.

NOTIFIABLE INCIDENTS

There were no notifiable incidents to NT WorkSafe during the 2025-2026 financial year.


Christmas Hamper Project

Society Committees	
Finance Committee	Reviews monthly financial reports, budget and end of year statements. Reviews policies and procedures relating to finance. Provides advice on financial implications of any significant decisions or investments. Issues are reported to the Territory Council.
Membership Committee	Supports implementation of 2023-2026 Strategic plan. Committee is at initial stages of development.



SVDP Housing NT Board	SVDP NT Housing Advisory Committee restructured, leading to Accreditation under the National Regulatory System for Community Housing (NRSCH), and the formal establishment of SVDP Housing NT as its own legal entity — subsidiary that remains firmly aligned with the Society's mission, values, and strategic plan. This demonstrates we meet national standards of governance, financial sustainability, tenant and community engagement.

Council Member	Meetings entitled to attend	Meetings attended
Ann-Marie Reynolds	4	3
Bala Mohanraj	2	2
Damian Legg	4	4
Dirk Dirk	4	4
Fr Adam Crouch	4	3
Frances Abbott	4	1
John Tobin	2	2
Kay Fitzpatrick	3	3
Matt Jong	4	4
Mercy Chepkoech	4	2
Rob Wagland	2	2
Stephen Dias	4	3
Susan Marshall	4	3


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TREASURER'S REPORT

STEPHEN DIAS

It is with great pleasure that I present the Treasurer's Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2026. The past year has been one of significant financial progress for the St Vincent de Paul Society Northern Territory, as we strengthened our financial position while investing in infrastructure and services that support Territorians experiencing hardship.

The results reflect the collective efforts of our members, volunteers, staff and management, together with the generosity of donors and funding partners. Financial sustainability remains vital to our mission of serving those most in need.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For FY2026, the Society recorded a consolidated surplus of $1,242,474, compared with $350,054 in FY2025. Total income rose 19.7% to $10,879,789 from $9,088,930, reflecting growth in government funding, retail operations and contributions for services.

Government funding totalled $5.89 million (54% of income), retail shop revenue was $2.93 million, contributions for services were $1.63 million and donations reached $285,368. FY2026 income included $1.44 million of capital funding; accordingly, the reported surplus should not be treated as wholly recurring operating income.

Retail continued to make an important contribution, recording a surplus of $922,702. Total expenditure rose to $9.64 million, including employee benefits and superannuation of $5.36 million, property costs of $1.38 million, depreciation and right-of-use amortisation of $1.02 million, and material assistance and services of approximately $549,500.

FINANCIAL POSITION

The Society's net assets increased to $21.85 million from $20.61 million. Total assets were $25.95 million, including property, plant and equipment of $20.82 million. Cash and cash equivalents closed at $4.47 million compared with $4.94 million a year earlier.

Capital investment in property, plant and equipment amounted to $3.54 million in cash during FY2026. Borrowings rose, with $1.80 million in new borrowing proceeds, while total liabilities increased to $4.10 million. Net operating cash inflows remained positive at $1.68 million, supporting the Society's capacity to operate and invest responsibly.

AUDIT OUTCOME

The independent audit conducted by BDO Audit (NT) resulted in an unmodified audit opinion. The auditors reported no corrected or uncorrected misstatements and did not identify significant internal-control deficiencies requiring attention by the Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee. This outcome supports confidence in the Society's financial reporting and governance.

SUSTAINABILITY AND OUTLOOK

As we enter FY2027, our focus will remain on sound financial governance, careful oversight of commitments, diversified income and responsible investment in housing, homelessness services and essential infrastructure. The Society's reliance on government funding reinforces the importance of strengthening self-generated revenue, while ensuring resources remain aligned with the 2025–2030 Strategic Plan.

A strong financial position is not an end in itself. It allows us to respond to the needs of vulnerable Territorians with dignity, compassion and care.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I sincerely thank Territory President Damian Legg, fellow Council members, the Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer, management, staff and volunteers for their dedication throughout the year. I also acknowledge our donors, community partners and government funding partners, whose support makes our work possible.

Together, we remain committed to building a financially sustainable and compassionate Society for the Northern Territory.



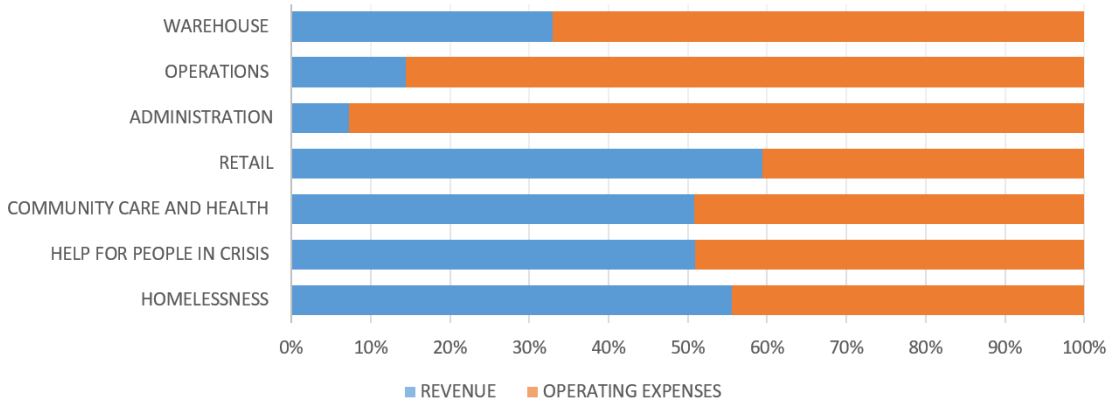
Stephen Dias
Treasurer
St Vincent de Paul Society
Northern Territory



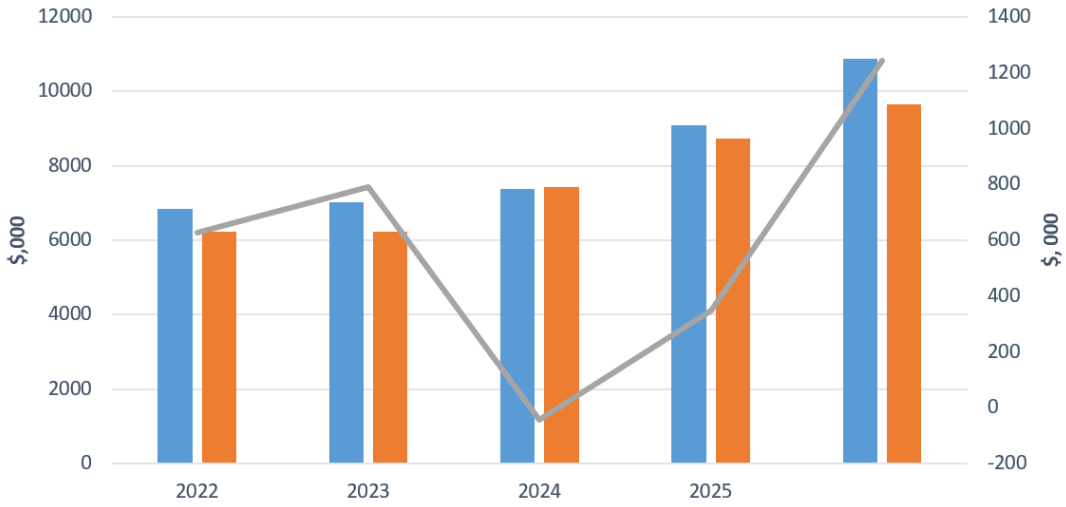
TREASURER'S REPORT

AT A GLANCE

REVENUE VS EXPENSES



PERFORMANCE TREND




Christmas Hampers


NT Program Teams Meet and Greet


Santa Teresa

FINANCIAL SUMMARY STATEMENT

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Note	CONSOL 2026 $	CONSOL 2025 $
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	4,470,814	4,936,435
Trade and other receivables	6	105	18,830
Other assets	7	41,413	23,785
Total current assets		**4,512,332**	**4,979,050**
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8(a)	20,821,891	18,136,927
Right of Use	8(b)	615,178	670,400
Total non-current assets		**21,437,069**	**18,807,327**
Total assets		**25,949,401**	**23,786,377**
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	525,961	990,892
Borrowings	10	369,850	216,749
Provisions	11	356,497	318,557
Grants in advance	12	210,395	436,176
Lease Liabilities	13	159,531	154,339
Total current liabilities		**1,622,234**	**2,116,713**
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	10	1,760,242	347,154
Provisions	11	175,062	109,053
Lease Liabilities	13	537,466	601,534
Total non-current liabilities		**2,472,770**	**1,057,741**
Total liabilities		**4,095,004**	**3,174,454**
Net assets/(liabilities)		**21,854,397**	**20,611,923**
Equity			
Reserves	14	3,307,508	3,307,508
Accumulated funds	14	18,546,889	17,304,415
Total equity		**21,854,397**	**20,611,923**

*Notes are available with the audited financial report

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	CONSOL 2026 $			CONSOL 2025 $		
	Revenue and Other Income	Operating Expenses	Net surplus / (deficit)	Revenue and Other Income	Operating Expenses	Net surplus / (deficit)
Community Services						
Homelessness	5,661,641	4,533,851	1,127,790	4,502,534	4,000,709	501,825
Help for People in Crisis	271,917	261,929	9,988	360,771	372,657	(11,886)
Natural Disaster Relief	128,846	641	128,205	7,104	218	6,886
Community Care & Health	1,584,917	1,532,030	52,887	1,397,965	1,235,192	162,773
	7,647,321	**6,328,451**	**1,318,870**	**6,268,374**	**5,608,776**	**659,598**
Supporting Services						
Administration	15,056	192,885	(177,829)	74,911	251,910	(176,999)
Operations	133,127	789,451	(656,324)	166,804	705,602	(538,798)
Retail	2,925,081	2,002,379	922,702	2,545,667	1,752,579	793,088
Warehouse	159,204	324,149	(164,945)	33,174	420,009	(386,835)
	3,232,468	**3,308,864**	**(76,396)**	**2,820,556**	**3,130,100**	**(309,544)**
	10,879,789	**9,637,315**	**1,242,474**	**9,088,930**	**8,738,876**	**350,054**
Total Surplus/(Deficit)			**1,242,474**			**350,054**



Mid Year Social Party

THANK YOU TO OUR LOYAL SUPPORTERS

SHAPING A MORE JUST AND COMPASSIONATE SOCIETY

We acknowledge the support of Parishes, the Catholic Diocese of Darwin, Bishop Charles Gauci, our Spiritual Advisor, Father Adam Crouch.

GOLD SUPPORTERS
INPEX
Louw Group
Northline
Ward Keller

SILVER SUPPORTERS
BDO Auditor
US Marine Corps

BRONZE SUPPORTERS
Bunnings Warehouse
Fannie Bay Gaol
Larrakia Nation
Lay Group – Asian United Foods
Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory
NT Shelter
Order of Malta
Wilson Security

PROUD GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS
Australia Federal Government
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Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development
Department of Lands, Planning and Environment
Department of Logistics and Infrastructure
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Northern Land Council
Northern Territory Government
Northern Territory Police
Services Australia
Workforce Australia

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Catholic Care NT
Anglicare NT
CAAPS Aborigional Corporation
Casuarina Community Health Clinic
Central Intake
Danila Dilba Health Service
Darwin Community Legal Service
FoodBank
Katherine Street Community Hub
Larrakia Nation Transport
Lutheran Care
Mental Illness accosiation of the Northern Territory
Menzies School of Health Research
Mission Australia
(NAAJA) Northern Australian Aborigional Justice Agency
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Yilli Rreung Housing

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Australian Catholic Primary Principals' Association
Catholic Education Office NT
Charles Darwin University
Holy Family Catholic Primary
Holy Spirit Catholic Primary
MacKillop Catholic College
Mother Teresa Catholic Primary
Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic Primary
O'Loughlin Catholic College
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic College
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary
St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School
St John's Catholic College
St Mary's Catholic Primary School
St Paul's Catholic Primary
St. Philip's College
Stuart Park Primary

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Our Lady Help of Christians Church Palmerston
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St Mary's Church
St Paul's Church
St. Francis Xavier Church

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2025 Christmas Party

OUR HISTORY IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

OUR STORY



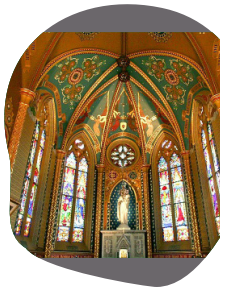
Vincent de Paul born in France

1581

1833

St Vincent de Paul Society founded by Frederic Ozanam -Paris





First Australian Conference founded in Victoria

1854

1949

First Conference founded in Northern Territory -St Mary's Star of the Sea Darwin





Centre of Charity opens -Stuart Park

1967

1968

First regional Centre of Charity established -Alice Springs





Ozanam House Day Centre established -Darwin

1974

1975

Second regional Centre of Charity established -Tennant Creek





Third regional Centre of Charity established -Katherine

1983

1984

Bakhita Centre Mens Hostel established



"It is our vocation to set people's hearts ablaze, to do what the Son of God did, who came to light a fire on earth in order to set it ablaze with His love." - (Frédéric Ozanam)



1987 — Centre of Charity opens -Palmerston

1988 — First regional Housing Centre established Ormonde House -Katherine





2000 — Mobile Food Service commenced -Darwin

2011 — Ted Collins Village housing for families established -Darwin





2016 — Centre of Charity opens -CBD Darwin

2017 — Centres of Charity opens -Coolalinga -Fannie Bay





2018 — New office established -Casuarina

2019 — Centre of Charity opens -Winnellie





2020 — Bakhita Centre additional housing opens

2024 — Ozanam House moved to temporary site -Coconut Grove



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