

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of vulnerable Queensland families.



A heartfelt message:
Tania, Jensen, Ella,
and Brooke say
thank you for
your kindness



**Homeless to
home safe:**
Thanks to you,
Roger and Rebecca
left their tent behind



**The big picture
of your enormous
impact with
highlights from 2024**

AUTUMN 2025



Vinnies
good works





A YEAR OF HIGHLIGHTS – MADE POSSIBLE BY YOU

What a tremendous difference you have made in the lives of Queenslanders doing it tough over the past year!

Inside, you'll see some of the impressive highlights that you've been part of.

As they show, your generosity, kindness, and compassion have helped create positive change on an enormous scale – change that can be measured not only in numbers, but in lives turned around, people lifted up.

They are the lives of struggling Queenslanders – families like Tania's*, and Roger and Rebecca's* who you can read about here.

These are the very real, very human faces of the difference you make. And I can assure you, each of them knows that your unwavering support is behind the help they receive,

or the hand up that their St Vincent de Paul Society QLD (Vinnies QLD) volunteer members offer them.

I hope that I can continue to rely on your support, because as I'm sure you know, the need in our local communities is especially great right now.

Thank you for all that you do.



P. McMahon

Trish McMahon
State President
St Vincent de Paul Society QLD

You helped this family find a home. And you can help others, too.



When the housing crisis left them with nowhere to go, Roger, Rebecca, and their two young children Sophie and Austin* were forced to live in a tent.

“Every two days, we had to pack everything up and find another place to camp out. Tent, mattresses, and kids.” - Roger

The family didn't have a car, either, having to pack all their belongings into Ubers or public transport, with the added costs and hardship that brought.

Then they found Vinnies QLD, and your support changed everything.

They were given emergency accommodation and a safe place to rest, while their Vinnies QLD volunteer members helped with food and groceries, and organised meetings to secure more lasting accommodation.

In Queensland's worsening housing crisis, fuelled by the rising cost of living, there are many more families like Roger and Rebecca's who urgently need help like this.

**Tania and her children
are home safe,
THANKS TO YOU.**



“I’m safe now. My kids are safe, that means everything to me.”

These are the words of Tania – the mum of 15-year-old Jensen and 8-year-old twins Ella and Brooke – whose lives you have helped to turn around.

We wrote to you about Tania and her lovely family at Christmas, and are delighted to share an update on her story with you today.

Tania had been struggling to find stability after years of unimaginable hardship.

She had escaped an abusive relationship and, while doing her best to care for her three children, was suffering the effects of an undiagnosed and untreated, severe mental health condition.

Then she received an order to vacate her rental accommodation.

With her mental health worsening, three children in tow, and the growing impacts of the cost-of-living crisis making life harder by the day, Tania and her family were at imminent risk of homelessness.

She urgently needed help paying rent and an overdue electricity bill, to buy fruit for the children who had gone weeks without anything nutritious, help with medication for her twins, and most of all, a safe and stable place for them all to stay.

Your generosity made it possible.

Tania shared her gratitude: *“When I was at my lowest, wonderful Vinnies supporters like you lifted me up. I was facing homelessness and having to make the most impossible choices.”*

Today, Tania and her family are doing well. And she is genuinely grateful.

“I’ve been helped in so many ways. We’ve had food on the table, we’ve got the medicine we needed, help with our bills, clothes we needed, even special treats for the kids at Christmas. But most of all, we’re in stable housing now.

“When I got the keys to my house, it was like finally breathing again. Thank you for your kindness.”

DID YOU KNOW?

Generous donors like you leaving a gift in their Will provided valuable additional support for families like Tania’s in 2024. Want to know more? Talk to our Fundraising Team.

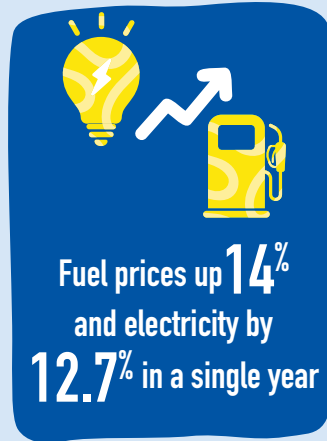
**Phone 07 3010 1000 or
email qld.donations@svdpqld.org.au**



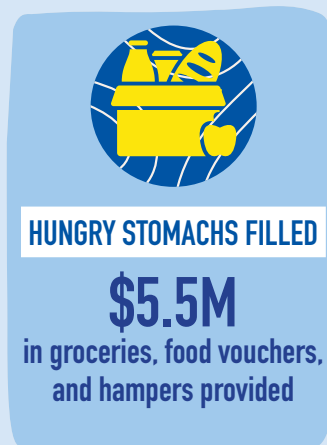
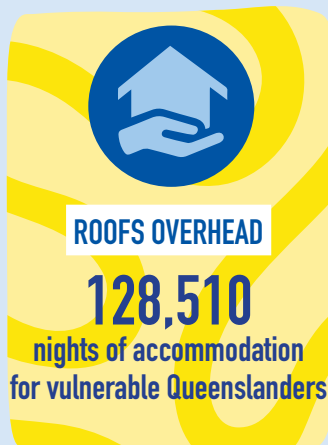
YOU MADE AN ENORMOUS DIFFERENCE IN 2024

Thanks to your generosity, and the effort and commitment of Vinnies QLD volunteer members, we've achieved incredible things for those in need in 2024.

The challenges faced:



The difference you helped make:



But there's still so much to do:

SOURCE: St Vincent de Paul Society QLD, Annual Report 2023–24.



"I know everyone is doing it tough right now, but I hope you will give them the break they need to get back on their feet. Just like you have for me."
- Tania



"We already don't have enough homes to go around, and the population is only growing larger. What will [my kids] be facing in the future? Will it be even harder for them to find housing?" - Roger