

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Your compassion is helping Queenslanders escape poverty and homelessness, for good. Thank you.



You gave the gift of a brighter Christmas

163,000 nights of safety, thanks to you<sup>1</sup>

Your chance to help another family like Chloe's\*

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# A truly inspiring year of kindness

**What a joy to look back on another remarkable year of your kindness and generosity.**

**Thank you for being there for vulnerable Queenslanders when they needed you most.**

It is my great honour to share some of the highlights and stories of the past year with you in your latest newsletter.

As I look over what has been achieved, I am – as ever – in awe of the St Vincent de Paul Society QLD (Vinnies QLD) community, volunteer members, and supporters like you.

The past few years have been difficult for our state. The housing crisis has hit hard. The cost-of-living crisis has hit even harder, leaving families like Chloe's – whose story you can read inside – just one unfortunate event away from homelessness.

There is still so much to do in our community.

In the face of ongoing challenges, I continue to see the very best of Queensland spirit. I see you. And the life-changing impact you make every day.

I hope you enjoy reading more about the families you have supported this year.

With profound gratitude,



*P. McMahon*

Trish McMahon  
State President  
St Vincent de Paul Society QLD

## Look at the difference you have made!



**Over the past year, your generosity made incredible things possible:**



**\$507M**  
provided in services and support to the community



**5,607**  
children assisted with the costs of learning and going to school



**238,555**  
requests for assistance answered by Vinnies QLD volunteer members



**163,000**  
nights of accommodation provided for vulnerable Queenslanders



## You gave the gift of a brighter Christmas. And a better tomorrow!



Struggling Queensland families like Sarah's\* had a festive season filled with extra love and extra joy, thanks to your wonderful kindness.

We wrote to you about Sarah last year, sharing how a car accident that left her husband with a brain injury meant they were experiencing poverty and were at risk of homelessness.

You opened your hearts, showing overwhelming generosity, donating so families like Sarah's could receive emergency food vouchers and hampers – putting a meal on the table and joy in their hearts at Christmas.

Your kindness also meant other Queenslanders could stay in their homes at a time of year when home means so much, receiving financial assistance with essentials like medical expenses, running the family car, and paying bills, so they could afford their rent.

Many families are now also receiving ongoing support, so poverty and homelessness will not become their new normal.

Sarah spoke to us recently. She had great news.

Her family had recently moved into a 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom home near the children's school.



Your kindness helped them once again, helping pay for the removal truck and some extra furniture they needed to make their new house a home.

**Sarah told us how much your kindness means to families like hers.**

**"When people care enough about another human, they're doing it for people they don't know. But they can be assured that the kids' faces light up on Christmas. It's true, genuine help. That's really what it's about."**

# Families like Chloe's need your help

**Chloe's family was doing well until one day, things took a rapid turn for the worse.**

Her husband fell ill and could not work. The home they had been renting was put up for sale, so they had to move out. And with the housing crisis pushing prices up, they could not find anywhere affordable to live.

## **They suddenly found themselves homeless.**

After couch surfing with friends, Chloe reached out to Vinnies QLD and was able to secure crisis accommodation for her and her family in a hotel, but their homelessness journey was far from over.

**“We were all three of us sharing the one bedroom, bathroom, lounge room. We had no yard and we had our small dog, too. We were lucky the hotel allowed us to have the dog.”** - Chloe

The family still needed a permanent home.

The cost-of-living crisis and the chronic shortage of affordable housing is pushing families like Chloe's into homelessness all over Queensland.



Your generosity with a kind gift today could help provide the tailored practical assistance and ongoing support they need.

Your gift could provide a hamper to feed a family at risk of or experiencing homelessness, assistance with crisis accommodation for a family with nowhere else to go, or the essentials that make a house a home for a family rebuilding after homelessness.

As well as the ongoing support, connection and assistance of wonderful Vinnies QLD volunteer members.

Please, consider a gift today. And help a family like Chloe's turn their life around.

**Use this code to donate now.**



## **Kevin is providing homes with heart, and you can too**

**Kevin's dad used to say, “You've got to look after the people that don't have much.”**

Those words, and Kevin's own experience of poverty while growing up are why he chooses to make regular gifts as a compassionate member of our *Homes with Heart Community*.

**“When things are hard, you don't just need help once a year, you need it every day of the year.”** - Kevin

By joining the *Homes with Heart Community* and giving regularly, Kevin, along with many other Vinnies QLD community members, is ensuring that vital support is available to Queenslanders in need every day of the year, whenever they need it.



To find out more about increasing your impact with a regular gift as part of the ***Homes with Heart Community***, contact our **Supporter Care Team on (07) 3010 1000 or [supportercare@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:supportercare@svdpqld.org.au)**.