

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Thank you for helping Queenslanders escape homelessness and get their lives back on track.



You have helped
David **turn his**
life around



1,299
Queenslanders
in stable housing¹,
thanks to you



Your chance
to help someone
like Glenn **find**
home again

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Vinnies
good works



What an amazing impact you have had!



It is only right that my first issue of *Making A Difference* newsletter should open with gratitude.

Gratitude to you, for all that your generous support makes possible.

And to outgoing State President, Trish McMahon, whose deep understanding of St Vincent de Paul Society QLD (Vinnies QLD) and our good works as a foundation for human safety and wellbeing achieved so much for vulnerable Queenslanders during her term.

In this latest edition of your supporter newsletter, you will hear from David*, who has gone from sleeping rough in his local park, to a steady home. Thanks to you.

You will see what I think are some genuinely inspiring facts and figures, reporting back on

the enormous scale of your impact. And meet Glenn*, another Queenslander facing hard times who you have the chance to help.

I hope the stories in this newsletter inspire you, as they have inspired me. In the face of persistent housing and cost-of-living crises, your compassion and kindness have been – and continue to be – the heart of so many good works. Thank you.



Peter Dougherty
State President
St Vincent de Paul Society QLD

This is the life-changing difference you're making



\$17.7m to help Queenslanders facing tough times. That is how much you and the Vinnies QLD community have given in the past 12 months with your incredible generosity. Here are just a few highlights of what you have made possible¹.



1,299

Queenslanders experiencing homelessness helped to secure sustainable housing



333

parents and children helped to escape family and domestic violence and secure safe emergency accommodation



126,922

emergency assistance calls answered from Queenslanders in need



52,000

calls for assistance answered in the first four months of 2026



David has started a new chapter in a new home, thanks to you!

“I would get hassled a few times a night. There’s no such thing as deep sleep when you’re on the streets.”

That was David, not long ago. Today, he is writing a whole new chapter in his life, thanks to you.

“I’m now in a one-bedroom apartment. It’s beautiful, clean, spotless. It’s so good to have a roof over my head. From the first night, I felt like things were starting to turn for me.”

You might remember David from recent letters. His job was cut when his company downsized.

He went from being stable and secure – living in the same house for almost 15 years – to sleeping rough in his local park, using a shoulder bag stuffed with socks as a pillow, going days without food.

But your kindness and generosity helped him turn that around.

A Vinnies QLD team member noticed him in a store car park, packing his belongings into a suitcase.

She made a phone call and that night, for the first time in weeks, David slept in a bed.



Within days, the Vinnies QLD team had helped David with forms and applications for permanent housing. Two weeks later, he was viewing the apartment he now calls home.

He has gone on to find steady employment, too, and is back working in his original trade, as a carpenter.

“I could not have done it without the whole Vinnies QLD team,”

David says.

David is just one of thousands of Queenslanders who are rebuilding their lives, thanks to your generous support. Thank you.

You can help someone like Glenn find home again

Glenn* grew up in foster care, never truly knowing a home that felt like his. As an adult, he found steady work in the mines, married, and then built that home.

But the mining downturn took his job, his marriage ended, and once again he was without a home.

For more than a decade, he couch-surfed and slept rough.

“Whatever I could carry, that’s what came with me. Everything else got left behind,” Glenn remembers.

In 2024, he reached out to Vinnies QLD, receiving crisis accommodation, then help to secure a social housing unit.

Through the generosity of Vinnies QLD supporters like you, Glenn’s unit was furnished with essentials – a bed, fridge, lounge suite and washing machine – transforming it into a safe, comfortable space where he has been able to reconnect with his daughter.



They are now focussed on making up for lost time.

Your generosity with a kind gift today could help someone like Glenn get immediate and ongoing help to turn their life around.

Please consider a gift today to help someone like Glenn find home again.
Scan this code to donate now.



Do good, feel good – join team Vinnies QLD at the Bridge to Brisbane!

Lace up your shoes and join us for Queensland’s biggest fun run – the Transurban Bridge to Brisbane on Sunday, 13 September 2026! Whether you run, jog, walk or wheel, you will be part of an estimated 40,000 people taking on a 5km or 10km course through Brisbane’s streets and bridges – all while raising vital funds for Vinnies QLD.

Sign up and experience what it truly means to do good and feel good.

* Many people coming to Vinnies QLD have never had to ask for help before and can feel embarrassed that they need to. That is why we change people’s names and details – to protect their identity and uphold their dignity.



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