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**THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who has been involved with Anglicare over the last 12 months. We've had an incredible year of growth and reached many milestones. While some of those successes have been acknowledged in this edition of Thrive, there are many others that happened - and continue to happen - as a result of committed staff, volunteers and supporters determined to see individuals and families free from stress, poverty, addiction and hopelessness.

An attitude of giving blesses lives and is a natural response to the call of Christ. Just as God sees the many unsung sacrifices and achievements of staff and volunteers who go above and beyond for people in need, God also sees and is pleased with the heart and commitment shown by supporters like you. I'm personally challenged by this verse to value and cultivate a lifestyle of generosity.

Thank you for making a lasting difference in so many lives.

May God bless you richly,

**Jeremy Halcrow**  
CEO, Anglicare (NSW South, West & ACT)

My encouragement to supporters at the beginning of a new year comes from the New Testament books of Hebrews:

*"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."*

Hebrews 13:17

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**NSW BUSHFIRE APPEAL**



Since writing the message above, bushfires have raged through parts of regional NSW in which Anglicare services are based. Our hearts go out to all those affected. The process of rebuilding means more than fixing structures or property, it means rebuilding lives affected by loss and trauma. Anglicare will be there for the long term working alongside other services to make sure families aren't forgotten.

I also commend everyone – staff and volunteers – who assisted as part of the Disaster Recovery team. Thank you for your compassion.

If you wish to support those affected by these fires, visit [anglicare.com.au](http://anglicare.com.au) to donate or complete and return the donation form on the back page.



Anglicare helps thousands of people each year across a range of services. This year our aim is to continue to serve local communities, give a helping hand to those who are vulnerable, and see even more families strengthened.

**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY LISTING**

SUBURB	SERVICE
<b>a</b> Franklin	Early Childhood
<b>b</b> Downer	Retirement Living
<b>c</b> Holt	Disability Services Executive & Corporate Support
<b>d</b> Scullin	Early Childhood
<b>e</b> Civic	Youth & Family Services (12/25) Executive & Corporate Support (221 London Circuit)
<b>f</b> Braddon	Housing
<b>g</b> Reid	St. John's Care
<b>h</b> Red Hill	Retirement Living
<b>i</b> Phillip	Bargain Hunter
<b>j</b> Calwell	Early Childhood

**NEW SOUTH WALES LISTING**

CITY/TOWN	SERVICE
<b>A</b> Dubbo	NILS, Emergency Relief
<b>B</b> Orange	OOHC Survive & Thrive Hub Emergency Relief
<b>C</b> Forbes	Emergency Relief
<b>D</b> Liverpool	OOHC St Saviours
<b>E</b> Griffith	Youth & Family Services
<b>F</b> Leeton	OOHC
<b>G</b> Ashmont	OOHC Youth and Family Services
<b>H</b> Wagga	OOHC Executive & Corporate Support Youth & Family Services Financial Counselling NILS
<b>I</b> Yass	Homelessness
<b>J</b> Goulburn	Early Childhood OOHC Retirement Living Disability Services Youth & Family Services Gambling Counselling Homelessness Emergency Relief
<b>K</b> Marulan	Early Childhood
<b>L</b> Nowra	OOHC
<b>M</b> Queanbeyan	Emergency Relief Bargain Hunter
<b>N</b> Googong	Early Childhood
<b>O</b> Batemans Bay	Toy Library Emergency Relief
<b>P</b> Moruya	OOHC Emergency Relief Youth & Family Services Disability Services Homelessness
<b>Q</b> Bega	OOHC Disability Services NILS
<b>R</b> Albury	OOHC Financial Counselling

OOHC = Out of Home Care (which includes foster care, residential care and respite care.)  
NILS = No Interest Loans Scheme



CHRISTMAS IN CANBERRA

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Anglicare Christmas Appeal 2016. Over \$53,000 was raised to assist people who were doing it tough over the Christmas period.

Thanks to a fantastic partnership with ABC radio in Canberra, and with the help of individuals, parishes and organisations across the community, over 4000 food items and 200 bags of toys were also donated! ABC hosted their Sunday Brunch radio show during the Wrap Up event from the lawns of St John's Care, one of Anglicare's primary food relief centres. Hampers were packed by staff and volunteers during the broadcast.

These donations help people like Melanie. Before receiving help from Anglicare, Melanie spent last Christmas pregnant and living in a tent. This Christmas just gone she celebrated in her own home with her children and partner.

"If it wasn't for Anglicare, we wouldn't be okay... Now I feel safe. We are living in a nice neighbourhood where I feel the kids are not at risk... I feel stable."

Melanie, Anglicare client



ABC radio interview at St John's Care.

Thank you to all of our donors for your incredible support.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL



over 200 bags of toys



over 4,000 food items collected



Googong Early Learning Centre contributed to the Christmas appeal.





## CHRISTMAS IN GOULBURN

During the annual Goulburn Children's Christmas Party many children from across Anglicare's various services (including Early Learning Centres, Foster Care, Disability Services and Housing Services) met Santa and celebrated an early Christmas Goulburn-style!

A record-breaking 1000 toys were donated by members of St Saviours Cathedral, F5 church and Christ Church West Goulburn as well as other community members, to bless children at Christmas. Toys were distributed to local families in the lead up to Christmas.



 Anglicare manager Toni Reay + the Very Rev'd Dean Phillip Saunders.

2016

over  
**\$53,000**  
raised

## CHRISTMAS IN THE RIVERINA

Students and parents from the Riverina Anglican College generously donated food and toys to Anglicare. Food hampers and toys were delivered to families across the region.



 Students from the Riverina Anglican College with Brad Addison, Anglicare Regional Manager.



## THE HOME STRETCH – FINISHING WHAT WE STARTED

### Supporting 18 year-olds who are on their own after leaving Care.

An 18th birthday is usually cause for celebration but for young people living in state care, it means being forced out on your own. Within one year, 50% of state care leavers will be unemployed, in jail, homeless or become a new parent. These are statistics that Anglicare/St Saviours want to see changed.

Two years ago Anglicare St Saviours began a pilot program called Transition to Leaving Care (TLC) which gave ongoing support to young people after leaving care. The incredible results showed that all of the participants found the support beneficial or extremely beneficial. In October, The Feed SBS youth news program captured the story of a young person, Lily, who took part in the pilot. Lily expressed her huge appreciation for the support, highlighting the difference it's made in her life.

Anglicare's national Home Stretch campaign seeks government commitment to extend support for young people until the age of 21.



 Harley is looking forward to a bright future.

## HARLEY'S STORY

Eighteen year old Harley is a top student who has recently enrolled at the University of Technology Sydney. He has also lived in foster care for over 10 years.

*Harley's future looks bright and is a testament to both his own hard work and the love and support he received from his foster carers, Shirley and Vera.*

"I was 7 when I transitioned into care," says Harley. "And while the hardest part about being in care is being separated from your biological family - it's a confusing thing for a young child to go through - but the best part, at least for me, is that I got a second family. Shirley and Vera cared for me and made me feel like I had a home."

Unlike many other children, Harley remained with the same permanent carers for the entire time he was in care.

He says that it's this stability that helped make life so much easier. It also made the transition out of care easier too.

"St Saviours staff have always been positive and supportive and prepared me for leaving care. And knowing that I have a home with Shirley and Vera means that I'm not worried about the future but I'm excited," he says.

Having completed his HSC and winning a scholarship to study Information Technology, Harley is now enrolled in a Bachelor of Information Technology and Diploma of Professional Practice. He also has lined up a part time job so that he can support himself as he finishes his studies. His plans are to work in network security or as a systems administrator.

**Congratulations Harley!**

### Beneficiaries

Make a difference in the lives of over 40,000 children and young people living in state care across Australia.

### Action point

Visit [www.thehomestretch.org.au](http://www.thehomestretch.org.au) and sign the petition calling for extra support for young people after leaving care

### Prayer point

Pray for young people in care that they would receive the help they need, especially those about to turn 18. Pray for state and federal policies to change, extending formal support options for young people leaving state care.

**CONNECTING ABORIGINAL CHILDREN TO CULTURE WAGGA WAGGA**

The Murrabinya Wanggaay Cultural Program is an exciting initiative being launched at the Wanggaay Koori Out of Home Care Service in Wagga Wagga. Coordinator Tangerene Ingram says that the program aims to connect Aboriginal children and young people who are living in care to their culture.

“Although children are placed with Aboriginal carers, it doesn’t always mean that they are exposed to cultural activities in the local and surrounding areas,” says Tangerene.

The program meets a real need for local children and young people. Case workers at the Wanggaay Koori service see first-hand what academic evidence also indicates: children who have strong cultural connections, identity and have strong community ties have more positive outcomes later in life when leaving the care system.

The 12 week program includes exposure to Aboriginal storytelling, folklore, traditional life, cultural sites, arts and craft, and language taught by ‘aunties’ and ‘uncles’ from the community.



 Anglicare’s Western NSW team.

 **Action point**

If you would like to find out more about becoming a foster carer, visit [www.anglicare.com.au](http://www.anglicare.com.au)

 **Prayer point**

Pray for young people in foster care and residential care, that they would feel safe, secure and encouraged by their carers and Anglicare workers. Pray also for foster carers, that they would continue to feel supported by the Anglicare team.

Pray that young people would feel more connected to their culture and develop a stronger sense of identity.

**TIME TO SHINE ORANGE**

In November, Anglicare’s Western NSW team held their first “Our Time to Shine” awards night. The event was attended by 20 young people in foster and residential care between the ages of 12 and 18, and was designed to give young people the opportunity to celebrate their achievements throughout the last year.

The night was also attended by Anglicare staff, Carers and the staff from the Orange Aboriginal Medical Service (OAMS) who were generous sponsors of the night. Anglicare CEO, Jeremy Halcrow, presented an award to each of the young people present on the night.

There were many services, businesses and individuals who made generous donations of their time and money to ensure that all the young people felt honoured by the event – and had loads of fun!



 Uncle Micheal Lyons + Eddie Whyman.



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 HIPPY graduates, Wagga Wagga.

### YOUNG GRADUATES WAGGA WAGGA

Meet the newest graduates of Anglicare’s Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) in Wagga Wagga.

HIPPY is a two-year, home-based, early learning and parenting program for families with young children. HIPPY supports parents in becoming their children’s first teacher and helps foster a love of learning from a young age.

During the two years, tutors make weekly or fortnightly home visits to each family and role-play with the parents to equip them to lead their child in their learning.

### WHITE RIBBON DAY WAGGA WAGGA

Anglicare Riverina Regional Manager, Brad Addison was on hand at the Wagga RAAF Base in November to support White Ribbon Day and take a stand against domestic violence. Anglicare Riverina is proud to partner with Wagga Women’s Health Centre alongside Wagga’s RAAF, Army and Emergency Service personnel for this important cause.

### “WE CARE” PACKS

Anglicare celebrates a national partnership with New Idea Magazine through the ‘We Care’ campaign. One hundred packs to assist domestic violence victims were generously donated by New Idea as part of the campaign, giving women escaping domestic violence a gift that is both practical and also a sign that ‘We Care’.

Packs were distributed to women affected by domestic violence through our support centres and crisis accommodation.

Also, in December New Idea provided Back to School ‘We Care’ packs for children affected by domestic violence. These fun and practical packs are just another small but important way to let these children know that ‘We Care’ about them, and help prepare them for the school year.

[Thank you to New Idea Magazine for caring about the women and children affected by domestic violence in this country.](#)

### NEW PARTNERSHIP GOULBURN

New agreements between the Department of Family and Community Services, Anglicare Goulburn and the Goulburn local police mean improved ‘safer pathways’ for women, with or without children, who are leaving violence and at risk of homelessness or requiring crisis accommodation to be safe.

“Domestic violence is a serious social problem. These agreements improve communication between services to ensure that women and children fleeing domestic violence receive the best immediate and long-term help.” says Anglicare’s Manager of Housing and Social Services, Toni Reay.

Anglicare is increasing service capacity across Goulburn Mulwaree, Upper Lachlan and Yass Valley regions with extended operating hours to provide after hours support to women in crisis.



### Prayer point

Prayer point: Pray for the workers at Anglicare’s emergency relief and crisis housing services, that they would continue to show wisdom and compassion to victims of domestic violence.





**YOGIE AWARDS**  
CANBERRA

Two Anglicare staff members were recognised for their work with young people in the ACT and the Youth Sector Awards, known as 'Yogies'. Run by the Youth Coalition of the ACT the awards recognise, celebrate, promote and reward those who do exceptional work with young people aged 12 to 25 years.

**Dr Rebecca Jacobs** (pictured left with ACT Minister for Community Services Rachel Stephen-Smith) from The Junction at Club 12/25 won the 'Outstanding Contribution to Young People Award' for her exceptional work as a General Practitioner and supporting young people in all aspects of their health.

'Dr Bec' has a special ability to connect with the most vulnerable people in our community.

**Andrew Hill** was awarded the "Outstanding New Talent Award". Andrew is a Youth Engagement worker, employed by Anglicare and working with the Youth Engagement Team based at Woden Youth Centre. His role includes engaging with young people who access the drop-in space at Woden Youth Centre and through outreach, and providing casework and supported referrals.



Andrew Hill + Rachel Stephen-Smith.



Children and parents enjoy a Paint and Play group.

**PAINT AND PLAY AWARDS**  
CANBERRA

In December, Anglicare's Paint & Play team were recognised by the ACT Children's Week Committee winning the award for outstanding contribution to young people in the ACT.

The Paint & Play team coordinate five playgroups in the ACT which aim to engage families who are isolated, providing developmental support for their young children.

The Committee made special mention of the ACT Paint and Playgroup at Boundless Playground that strives to welcome and engage children and families of all abilities.

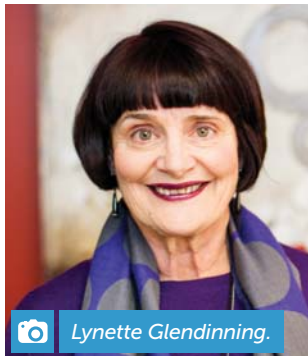


Paint and Play team.





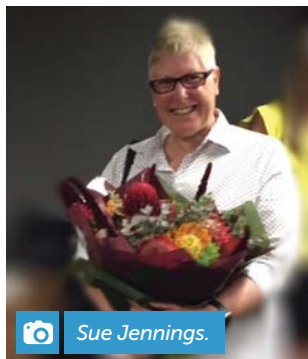
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## BOARD CHANGES CANBERRA

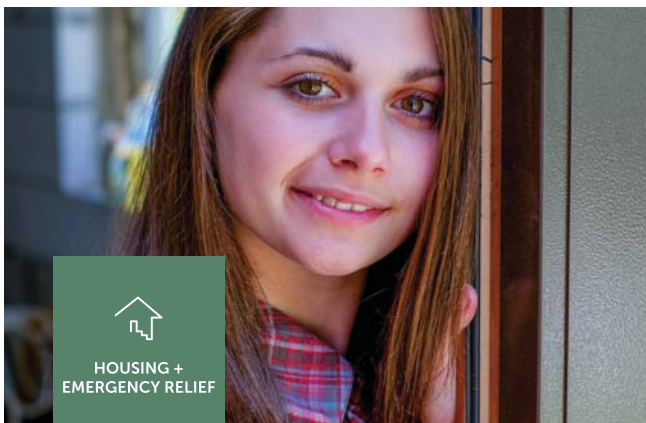
After six years as Chair of the Anglicare Board, Professor Ingrid Moses recently stepped down. Ingrid worked tirelessly to help steer the organisation through a period of significant change and leaves the organisation in a very strong position. As Deputy Chair, Lynette Glendinning will take on the role of Chair. Thank you, Ingrid, for your valuable work and commitment.

Welcome to the newest Board member, Alexandra (Sandy) Spark appointed in December. She is a chartered accountant and registered company auditor.

## STAFF CHANGES CANBERRA

Anglicare welcomed new Executive Manager for Philanthropy and Communications, Trevor Hickman. Trevor has an extensive background in not-for-profit fundraising.

The Early Childhood Education and Care team farewelled manager, Sue Jennings. Sue was responsible for bringing many positive changes to the team and always had the best interests of both the children and the organisation at heart. Thank you, Sue.



  
HOUSING +  
EMERGENCY RELIEF

## HYAP FUNDING RIVERINA

Anglicare was awarded a contract with the NSW Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) to deliver the Homeless Youth Assistance Program (HYAP) at Wagga Wagga and the broader Murrumbidgee Region.

HYAP assists young people aged 12 to 15 years who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, providing information, advocacy and liaising with Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) and other community services providers, to support young people to remain or return home if safe and appropriate, or help them find suitable accommodation.

## PENS AGAINST POVERTY CANBERRA

Ten year old Reshmi Senanayake is one of two well deserving overall winners of Anglicare's Pens Against Poverty writing competition. This is an initiative started in 2015 giving school students the opportunity during Anti-Poverty Week (16-22 October) to write for a cause, use their imagination, and express their thoughts about social issues.

Reshmi is in Year 4 and attends Canberra Girls Grammar school. She is also hearing impaired and recently published a book about a hearing impaired child. Proceeds from the book were donated to pay for hearing aids for children in Sri Lanka.

Congratulations Reshmi!



 Pens Against Poverty award winners. Reshmi pictured third from the left





**STAFF AWARDS**

In November at the annual leadership forum, Anglicare acknowledged the quiet achievers of the organisation who have reflected Anglicare's values – Compassion, Inclusiveness, Dignity and Integrity - throughout the year. Congratulations to all the winners!

 Anglicare Leadership Forum award winners 2016.



**RIA SPOKES**  
**INTEGRITY AWARD**  
TRACEY WALSH  
**HIGHLY COMMENDED**  
SHIRLEY LIN



**DOT BUDWORTH**  
**INCLUSIVENESS AWARD**  
HANNAH McQUIGGIN  
(not pictured)  
**HIGHLY COMMENDED**  
MARTINA PENNING



**DIGNITY AWARD** TANIA JONES  
**HIGHLY COMMENDED** GRACE O'MEARA + MONICA CHAUHAN



**COMPASSION AWARD** ANNIE (Taufoua Eni) FAAVEVELA  
**HIGHLY COMMENDED** DANIELLE SALVESTRO + MARIA ABAYA



**TEAM AWARD** | BARGAIN HUNTER

**HIGHLY COMMENDED** | RAINBOW RESIDENTIAL UNIT + DISABILITY SERVICES ACT





# ANGLICARE Sunday

*Make a difference in your local community*



## BE PART OF ANGLICARE SUNDAY | SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER

Anglicare Sunday is an opportunity for you, your church and scores of churches across regional NSW and the ACT to connect with local community needs through Anglicare.

### BE INFORMED & INSPIRED

Sunday 15 October also marks the beginning of Anti Poverty Week – the perfect time to find out about what is being done to help vulnerable individuals and families... and discover how you can make a difference.

*Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.*

Proverbs 31:8-9

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