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I have hardly anything left over once I've paid my rent. Anglicare supports me in lots of ways, especially when things get really tough.

Adam, Anglicare client

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## A place to call home

Anglicare's Rental Affordability Snapshot, released in April, revealed a devastating lack of affordable private rentals region-wide for vulnerable individuals and families. Adam (pictured) has struggled to find regular employment. Fortunately he attends Anglicare's Club 12/25 youth program in Canberra. "Sometimes when my budget is really stretched, Anglicare has helped by giving me a food hamper," says Adam.



Only 6% of private dwellings surveyed nationally are affordable for the poorest households receiving government benefits. This is down from 7% in 2016. – Anglicare Rental Affordability Snapshot 2017

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## Escaping the fog

After a marriage break down, Casey's situation was desperate. "The struggle to afford housing and food as a single parent to four children left me in despair. I felt like there was no way out. It was like a grey fog all around me," says Casey. But things began to change when Casey turned to Anglicare for help.

◀ Casey (centre) with her four daughters.

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### Escaping the fog – continued

The team at Anglicare’s local Community Centre in Wagga helped Casey with housing, financial counselling and emotional support. They also welcomed her youngest daughters in to a playgroup and even helped Casey find employment. “That hand up is all I needed to gain control of my life again. Without Anglicare’s help I couldn’t have done it,” says Casey.

## Gordon Community Centre Launch

In June, Anglicare and Lanyon Valley Anglican Church launched the newest Survive and Thrive Community Centre in Gordon, south Canberra. The centre will provide emergency relief, support groups and other services to the local community.



Local politicians join Lanyon Valley rector, Jonathan Holt, and Anglicare CEO, Jeremy Halcrow, to open the new centre.

## A message from the CEO

Right across regional NSW and the ACT, the Anglicare team are helping more families than ever receive the help and hope they need through programs ranging from emergency relief to foster care and disability services. Our commitment to providing excellent service to all those accessing our support, as well as to our staff, volunteers and donors remains our highest priority. Thank you for supporting our ministry. Your partnership makes a real difference in hundreds of lives around the region.

Jeremy Halcrow  
ANGLICARE, CEO



## Pantry Appeal Launch

Students from Burgmann Anglican School (pictured) helped Anglicare launch the 2017 Pantry Appeal. The appeal calls on individuals, churches and organisations to donate food and toiletries to help local families who are struggling during winter. An ambitious target of 50,000 items has been set to meet growing need.

## Updates

### Carwoola Fires

Supporters have raised over \$28,000 to help those affected by the bushfires which ripped through Carwoola south of Canberra in February. Funds are being given directly to those affected in the form of Coles/Myer gift vouchers and ongoing counselling.

### St Saviours

Anglicare St Saviours recently celebrated the win of a four year contract to run a Transition to Leaving Care program in south western Sydney. The program means young people in foster care can more easily find safe and secure housing when they turn 18 and must exit the statutory care system.

### Anglicare Sunday

Your church can be informed and inspired on ways to make a further difference in your community. Be part of Anglicare Sunday, 15 October. Register today by email to [ian.coutts@anglicare.com.au](mailto:ian.coutts@anglicare.com.au) or call 02 6245 7100.

## Prayer Points



Please pray for families who are struggling to make ends meet, especially through the difficult winter months. Pray for an overwhelming response to the Pantry Appeal to support those who need emergency food relief.



Please pray for the staff at Anglicare’s Survive and Thrive community centres in the ACT and NSW. Pray especially for the new Gordon Community Centre, that it will be embraced by people in the local area.



Thank God for our incredible team of volunteers whose selfless support means Anglicare’s appeals, op-shops and other services can continue to operate.