

THRIVE

Thrive Spring 2017

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To be a young homeless woman is petrifying. Worse than your worst nightmare. I felt like nothing but Anglicare thought differently. They protected me.

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Protecting Her

*Laura was only 15 years old when, after years of bullying and abuse, she left home. After trying to survive on the streets, in shelters and 'couch surfing' in dangerous environments, Laura approached Anglicare's Club 12/25 youth services for emergency relief and help through the youth education program (YEP). Today her life is transformed.

"The staff didn't give up on me – even when I was difficult to work with. I have hope now," says Laura, who is now studying social work at TAFE.

Laura is one of thousands of people assisted through Anglicare's services in the last year.

**Not real name*



A message from the CEO

Social researcher Hugh Mackay called on Australians to build up their local neighbourhoods in his recent book *The Art of Belonging*. The fragmentation of our community is making us more isolated. Loneliness is now a mass social phenomena with nearly one third of Australians living in single person households. A majority of us don't trust our neighbours reflecting the fact that we simply don't know them. Says Mackay: "a good life is not lived in isolation... a good life is lived at the heart of a thriving community, among people we trust, and within an environment of mutual respect." At heart, Anglicare's mission seeks to address the decline of community. In our new strategic plan we have committed to develop models of care that help strengthen rural and other marginalized communities which for-profits will eschew.

We want all people to be heard and valued. We want them to know that there is a network of people that they can trust when they are alone or times are tough.

Jeremy Halcrow | ANGLICARE, CEO

Highlights

7075

people received emergency relief assistance across Anglicare's sites in 2016/17 (this is the DEX session client attendance figure plus the number of pantry only clients assisted at St John's Care)



Opening of the new Gordon Community Centre



Opening of Anglicare's Goulburn Disability Centre

YOUR DONATIONS



\$56,114

donated to the 2016 Christmas Appeal

An increase on the previous year



around **42,600**

items collected for the 2017 Pantry Appeal



\$154,000

donated to the 2017 Winter Appeal

An increase on the previous year



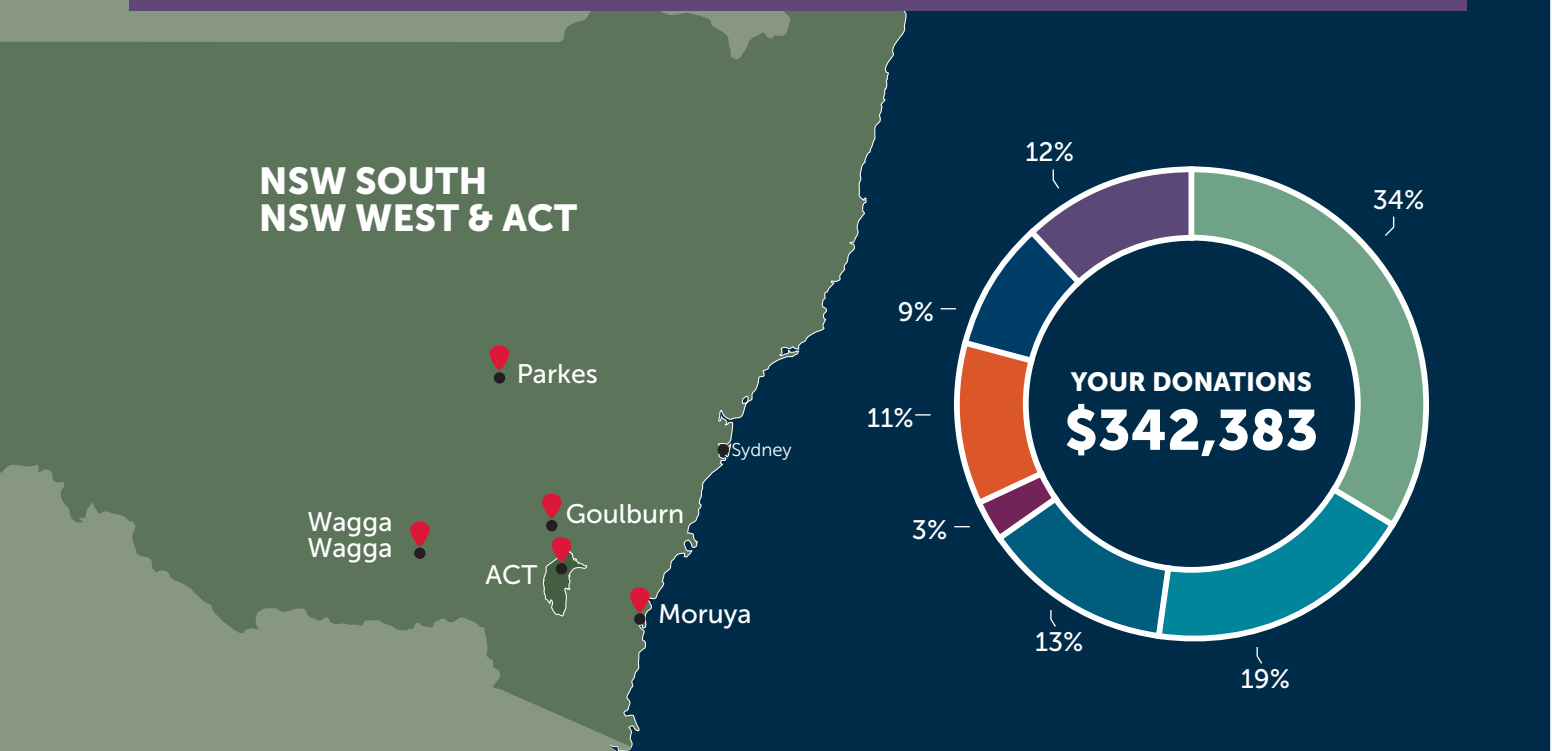
\$65m

annual turnover

*(includes government funding)
Anglicare's fundraising revenue also grew for the third consecutive year.*



How Your Contributions Were Used



	Service	Page	Amount	%
	Emergency Food Relief / Community centres	4-5	115,453	34
	Counselling and Drug/Alcohol Rehabilitation	7	63,716	19
	Disability Chaplaincy	6	42,982	13
	Retirement Village Chaplaincy	6	10,000	3
	Early Childhood Education places for vulnerable families	6	38,719	11
	General Disaster Recovery Services	7	29,393	9
	Emergency Bushfire Grants to affected households	7	42,120	12

Emergency Food Relief and Community Centres

Anglicare's Survive and Thrive community centres are making a difference in the lives of people needing urgent support across the region. From emergency food to case management services, these community centres are crucial in helping families move from just surviving to a place where they are thriving.



Gordon Community Centre in South Canberra

"Our parish has really benefited from this emerging partnership with Anglicare in running the newly established Gordon Community Centre. We love the Lanyon Valley and this is an opportunity to show care in Jesus name. Partnership with Anglicare has helped us to connect with skilled people and strong experience. This project in the Gordon Community Centre really does need both partners to make it work, and we are pleased to doing this shoulder-to-shoulder with Anglicare." - Jonathan Holt – minister at Lanyon Valley Anglican Church



- ▲ [ABOVE] Children play at Gordon Community Centre
- ▶ [BOTTOM RIGHT] Gordon Community Centre opening
- ▼ [BOTTOM LEFT] Therese Findley, community worker at St John's Care



St John's Care in Canberra

"This year we've been able to employ our community worker, Therese. Her role is to provide case management services to clients with complex needs. People are responding really well. She is already working 25 hours a week."

– Stuart Davis-Meehan, St John's Care director



Prayer point

- › Thank God for volunteers and churches willing to partner with Anglicare to support those in need.
- › Pray that more families would seek help early before their problems worsen



Ashmont Community Centre in Wagga Wagga

"Often families don't seek help until their situation becomes desperate.

Having familiar faces at a centre like ours gives families peace of mind in asking for help.

Being that support for people is amazing! We average about 70 people visiting the service each week. Without this service, our community would have trouble accessing support for acute needs." Shandi Evans – Ashmont Community Centre Coordinator



St George's Hub in Parkes

Georgie's Pantry, a joint initiative between Anglicare and St George's parish in Parkes NSW, supports hundreds of people every year by providing discounted groceries and emergency assistance.



Emergency Food Services

Anglicare also helped to fund emergency food services across the region. Locations included St Johns Care, Club12/25 youth centre and Gordon Community Centre in Canberra, Wagga Wagga, Orange/Ralston, Eden, Goulburn, Young and Yass.



Disability: Embracing Ministries and chaplaincy



Embracing Ministries nurtures the spiritual life of families, children and young people with special needs. The service also educates churches. Anglicare's partnership with Embracing Ministries is currently providing chaplaincy support for people accessing disability services in the ACT. There is an aim to grow the partnership with Embracing Ministries also providing retreats, music groups and mentoring programs.

"I think in many places, the spiritual life of children and young people are forgotten. We want to make sure that people with a disability, as well as their families, feel supported and included."

– Rev. Andrea de Vaal Horcui,
Embracing Ministries chaplain



Childcare assistance for vulnerable children

Throughout the last year, Anglicare has been able to provide specialised assistance to vulnerable families with complex childcare needs. Anglicare also continued to run the Paint and Play community program in the ACT. This initiative gives parents and caregivers the opportunity to meet with staff, learn parenting skills and identify any developmental needs with their child.

"Without the childcare help that Anglicare provides, some families would really struggle. Making sure children have the support they need, particularly during these early years, makes such a difference."
– Vivien Gould, Anglicare Early Learning Services Manager



Retirement Living:

Chaplaincy and pastoral support

Ensuring emotional and social support for residents of Retirement Living Villages remains a focus for Anglicare, particularly through the provision of chaplaincy support.



Cassie's Place/Cassie's Nest Child Sexual Assault Counselling

Anglicare identified an urgent need for specialised therapeutic counselling services on the NSW South Coast. As a response, the Cassie's Nest service was developed and sits as a complementary service alongside the Cassie's Place initiative which provides specialist counselling for children and adolescents specifically affected by sexual assault. Over the last year Anglicare developed a concept, vision statement and business plan. Senior psychologist, Kate Gentle, commenced earlier in the year to begin delivering the specialised counselling service. Children in Out of Home Care (foster care) are already benefitting. This service will be expanded to other agencies and the general public. It's been well received by FaCs, Brighter Futures and IMPACT who have began referrals to this service.

"I'm really excited about the potential this initiative has to meet a desperate need. I think this will be a lasting legacy for Anglicare in providing a therapeutic service focused on excellence and life changing impact."

– Danae Cowell, Regional Manager (Southern)



Youth services (Ignite Mentoring)

Anglicare's mentoring programs operate in the Riverina region and include community mentoring for at-risk young people, as well as mentoring for young people in the juvenile justice system. The program so far has seen a 100 per cent success rate with no young people reoffending.



Prayer point

- › Pray that Anglicare would continue to form strong partnerships with people and organisations to best reach needs in communities.
- › Thank God for the committed team of staff and volunteers who work tirelessly on behalf of those in need.



Disaster Recovery and Emergency Bushfire Grants

The Carwoola bushfires devastated rural properties and homes near Canberra in February. Anglicare volunteers were there to assist during the disaster and provided ongoing assistance to those affected in the months after. Counselling services as well as Coles/Myer vouchers were given to households that were affected. Ongoing support continues through a community Listening Post initiative where people can seek further emotional support.

"Anglicare were wonderful in the way they assisted me. They even found a cricket outfit for my son to wear the next day, as he had a match on." – Peter Bavington, lost home in bushfire





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Kenneth, Anglicare Donor



Motivated by Faith

Margaret and Kenneth love helping those in need. The couple, who live near Crookwell in rural NSW, are passionate supporters of Anglicare's work – and have been for over 20 years.

“My family were great supporters of charities,” says Margaret. “The teaching of Christ, has always motivated me too. I continue to give to Anglicare because they are moving with the times - they haven't stagnated. It's just exciting to see who they reach out to, especially young ones and youth”

“For me, giving comes out of personal faith and the exhortation of Christ to go out in to the world to serve,” says Kenneth. “We're told not necessarily to think only of ourselves but to think of others, so for me Anglicare is an integral part of being part of a church and community.”

Margaret and Kenneth are two of hundreds of generous Anglicare supporters.



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