

# THRIVE

Thrive Summer 2018

“

I became a youth outreach worker to pass on the lessons I learned growing up. But I didn't have anyone helping me. I had to learn the hard way... I didn't want my past to determine my future.”

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## Giving Hope

It's clear when talking with Zack Bryers that his recent honour as ACT Young Australian of the Year Award is overshadowed by the joy he receives in working with young people in Canberra. Over 80 teenagers have been assisted in the YouthCare Canberra program in 2017 where Zack is a youth outreach worker.



## A message from the CEO

I love Christmas, it's a wonderful time of year. It's a time to reflect on the good things that have happened over the last 12 months. One of the most encouraging aspects of the year has been the continued partnership with generous supporters who are making a significant difference in the lives of vulnerable people across the community. On behalf of hundreds of staff and clients, thank you for your generosity, prayers and compassion.

Jeremy Halcrow | ANGLICARE, CEO



### **Giving Hope** - *continued*

"I'm based at St John's Care in Reid and the work focuses on crisis homelessness support and engaging with disengaged youth. It's about being a positive role model," says Zack, who himself experienced an unstable upbringing that included periods of domestic violence and homelessness.

Zack decided he didn't want his past to determine his future. After serving with the Australian army in Afghanistan he came home and commenced youth work. Zack then won the Churchill Fellowship Award allowing him to travel to the US to research an approach called the Cure Violence Model.

Today Zack, who is now married and the father of two daughters, is using this approach to improve support for young people in the ACT.





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LEARNING

# Two Anglicare Services Win Childrens' Week Awards



YOUTH +  
FAMILY



**Anglicare's Googong Early Learning Centre**, represented by two students, was recently honoured by NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian for winning the best artwork award (0-5 year category) as part of a NSW Childrens' Week competition.

The competition was run by the Advocate for Children and Young People, with Anglicare's Orana preschool in Goulburn also highly commended in the same category.

The competition was part of the roll out of the Advocate for Children and Young People's three-year Strategic Plan which is centred around feedback from more than 4000 children and young people across NSW.

*Ted and Avery pictured with NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian with the winning artwork by the children of Googong Early Learning Centre.*



**Anglicare's Youth Education Program** has also won the Child Development category at the ACT Childrens' Week Award. The award recognises "individuals, groups, organisations who have made extraordinary contributions to children/young people significantly improving their opportunities to learn and grow." Congratulations to program coordinator Charles Wood and teachers Jehanne Elliot and Umair Qureshi.



## Prayer Points



Please pray that young people in care who are struggling spending Christmas without their birth families would receive the help and encouragement they need at this time of year.



Thank God for committed and passionate workers like Zack and Anglicare's Out of Home Care team who make a difference in the lives of young people every day.



Pray that more people would consider becoming short-term emergency foster carers, giving stability to children so their families can receive the help they need to provide a safe and nurturing home.



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## 300+

food hampers are distributed by St John's Care each month.

## 7,000+

people received emergency food relief through Anglicare's services in the last 12 months.

## Anti Poverty Week

In recognition of Anti Poverty Week, 15-21 October, the Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove, reached out to Dave Burnet, Canberra's OzHarvest Manager to seek an opportunity to help people in need.

Dave suggested the Governor General be part of their regular food delivery to Anglicare partner St John's Care of the leftover fresh food and supplies that OzHarvest collects from local retailers.

The Governor-General carried in a box of vegetables for the waiting cameras and presented medallions and a Christmas cake from Government House as a special gesture to mark the occasion.



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Competition winners pictured above with representatives from organisation sponsor, HESTA, Anglicare's Presiding Chair, Lynette Glendinning, and Anti Poverty Week Chair and Marymead CEO, Camilla Rowland, and guest speaker and children's author, Simon Mitchell.

## Pens Against Poverty

Pens Against Poverty is a annual writing competition hosted by Anglicare to encourage primary school and high school students to explore the experiences of people living in poverty. It demonstrates the power of poetry and fiction to heighten empathy among readers and writers, through the imagination and shared experience.

Twenty-seven schools participated with nearly 200 entries. The 2017 Pens Against Poverty Award Ceremony was held at Canberra College Theatre as the closing event of Anti Poverty Week.

## Congratulations to all award winners!

### Overall Winner (High School) -

Leo Barnard, *Canberra Grammar School*

### Overall Winner (Primary School) -

Ella Stone, *Canberra Girls' Grammar School*

### Jackie French Young Writers Development Award Winner

Callum Weller, *Holy Spirit Primary School*

### Overall School Winners -

Canberra Girls' Grammar School and Merici College

### Overall Class Winner -

Merici College, Year 10 (Teacher, Mrs Louise Martingale)

### Year 3/4 Story Winner - Nick Curtis, *St Bede's Primary*

### Year 3/4 Story Highly Commended -

Jess Kowalski, *St Bede's Primary School*

### Year 3/4 Poetry Winner -

Sea Cela, *St Thomas Aquinas Primary*

### Year 5/6 Story Winner -

Hannah Knight, *Canberra Girls' Grammar School*

### Year 5/6 Story Highly Commended -

Reshmi Sananayake, *Canberra Girls' Grammar School*

### Year 5/6 Poetry Winner -

Ella Stone, *Canberra Girls' Grammar School*

### Year 5/6 Poetry Highly Commended -

Tamara Brammal, *St John Vianney's Primary School*

### Year 7/8 Story/ Poetry Winner - Lara Wade, *Belconnen High*

### Year 7/8 Story/ Poetry Highly Commended -

Alexandra Vickery, *Telopea Park School*

### Year 9/10 Story/Poetry Winner -

Leo Barnard, *Canberra Grammar School*

### Year 9/10 Story/Poetry High Commended -

Shabnam Mohamed Shafiq, *Merici College*





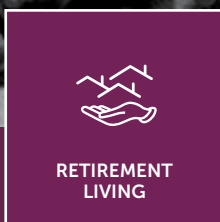
## Family Day Care Celebrates 40 Years

In October, Goulburn Family Day Care celebrated 40 years of providing education and care to children within Goulburn and surrounding communities.

The evening saw both past and present Educators, Coordinators, Administration Staff and Directors come together to celebrate the achievements and memories held by the service over the years.

Anglicare's current Director of Goulburn Family Day Care, Ashley Sturgiss, shared her journey with Family Day Care which commenced some 30 years ago as a student of her own service.

*Ashley Sturgiss and Denise Lanham (previous Goulburn FDC Director)*



## Wollondilly Gardens Celebrates 20th Birthday

*Wollondilly Garden residents with their pet chickens.*

Over 70 residents from Wollondilly Gardens Retirement Village in Goulburn took a break from their community activities, which include caring for their flock of pet chickens, to attend a special dinner to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the official opening of the Village community centre. The function was attended by residents, staff and invited guests including Bishop Stuart Robinson, Anglicare Board members Lynette Glendinning and Greg Mills and the local mayor.



OUT OF  
HOME CARE

## Time to Shine

Twenty young people from Anglicare's Out of Home Care service in Orange, along with their foster carers and case workers dressed up and dazzled at "Time to Shine" Masquerade Ball on Friday 24 November.

The event gave young people living in foster care, kinship care or residential care the opportunity to dress up and to celebrate their successes from throughout the year. The event also included a smoking ceremony, welcome to country and a procession which is an important representation for young people of the journey they are going on during their time in care.

"There are often limited opportunities for young people to participate in a formal dinner event. That's why we're so delighted to offer this opportunity," said Luke Adamson, Anglicare's newly appointed regional manager for Western NSW.



## Anglicare Worker Honoured as New Deacon



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Natalie Quince has been helping to run Georgie's Boutique and the Food Pantry in Parkes for over four years. In recognition of her invaluable work to help vulnerable families in Parkes and the surrounding area, Natalie is now officially the Anglicare Parkes Coordinator.

She was also ordained as a Deacon on Saturday 2 December by Bishop Ian at Bathurst Cathedral to serve in the parish of Forbes.

Congratulations Natalie!

*Pictured left: Natalie Quince with Bishop Ian at her ordination at Bathurst Cathedral.*



# New Gardens Connecting the Ashmont Community

Anglicare Riverina's Ashmont Community Resource Centre was successful in its application in the Social Housing Community Improvement Fund receiving a \$22,000 grant to develop a Community Garden at the Centre. The application was developed in collaboration with the Ashmont Anglican Parish. Kristy Daley, Manager of Child Youth and Family Services in Wagga, said the gardens will improve opportunities for vulnerable and often isolated local families to feel included in a non-threatening community activity.

"Ashmont Community Resource Centre has been a safe, well-respected meeting place for the community for over 15 years. The development of these gardens will see tangible benefits around relationships including trust, diversion from crime, empathy, responsibility and community harmony," said Ms Daley.



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