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Meet Jordan

Finding hope after loss

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Making lifesaving healthcare possible

Thanks to your support





**"I never really
grieved when Mum
passed away — I
was caught up in
everything else."**

- Jordan

You helped Jordan rebuild her life



Jordan's* life changed forever when her mum passed away. At just twenty, she found herself on the streets, struggling with substance use and unable to cope with her loss.

Without a safe place to stay and no one to turn to, Jordan began sleeping rough.


"In winter, there was one time I slept in a park — but only for one night, I couldn't handle the icy cold. I was staying in different people's houses, and sleeping rough in abandoned toilets and houses to keep me out of the weather."

The future briefly looked brighter when Jordan met a partner and they had a beautiful daughter together. But then her world fell apart again.

Her nanna passed away and shortly after, her relationship became violent. Jordan was once again left without a home or support.

"What I've lost most is a lot of people in my life. I was really close with my mum and then my nanna as well. My ex-partner was really violent towards me. He put me through hell and back."

Desperate, Jordan turned to Hutt St Centre and found the support she needed. Thanks to your kindness, she's now on a path to homelessness.

**Scan the
QR code** 
to read more of
Jordan's story.



A Christmas of hope and joy - thanks to you

For many, Christmas is a time of togetherness. But for people experiencing homelessness, it can often feel like another day of isolation. Yet thanks to your incredible generosity, everyone who walked through our doors this Christmas felt seen, cared for, and part of a community.

The day began with the warmth of a hearty breakfast — ham and cheese croissants, fresh pastries, and coffee. Entertainment, including activity books and classic Christmas movies, offered a much-needed escape from the daily struggles many face.

The kitchen team, volunteers, and chefs worked hard to

create a feast with all the trimmings — ham, turkey, roast potatoes, pumpkin, beans, and gravy, followed by a dessert of custard and pudding. Christmas crackers popped around the table as guests shared in the warmth of the meal and each other's company.



None of this would have been possible without you. Your generosity made this day one of joy and companionship, giving our guests the opportunity to come together, share a meal, and experience the true spirit of Christmas. Thank you.





Kindness takes the cake

At just 14 years old, Finn proves that making a difference doesn't require years of experience — just a big heart and lots of determination.

After noticing people sleeping rough in his suburb and city, Finn felt compelled to help. Pairing his compassion with his love of baking, he organised cake stall fundraisers and rallied his neighbours to support people doing it tough.

"My first goal was \$500 and I got there in my first cake stall," Finn shared. "By my third stall, I had raised over \$2,000 selling cakes and biscuits!"

Thanks to Finn's incredible generosity, more people can now access hot showers, warm meals, and life-changing support at Hutt St Centre.

We are so grateful for young changemakers like Finn, who remind us all that you're never too young to give back to your community.



Hope, dignity, and a job - thanks to you!

Rejoining the workforce is a vital step for people experiencing homelessness to rebuild their lives and independence.

Sandor, who became homeless when the COVID-19 pandemic stranded him in Adelaide, found a lifeline at Hutt St Centre. After participating in the Pathways Employment Program, Sandor secured a job at Scouts Recycling.

Now, for the first time in ten years, Sandor is working, saving for his future, and building confidence. He's been with Scouts Recycling for four months, helping to sort bottles and cans.

Your support empowers people like Sandor to achieve independence and a brighter future. Thank you!



"Instead of surviving — I'm thriving now. Thank you very much, because if it wasn't for people who donate then Hutt St wouldn't be able to continue doing the programs that they do. So, it's much appreciated and very kind."

You're making lifesaving healthcare possible

When people don't know when their next meal is coming or where they'll spend the night, healthcare is often not a top priority. The Hutt Street Health Program, started in July 2024, in partnership with Sonder, is changing that — giving people the care they need, thanks to your support.

Led by James, a Drug and Alcohol and Mental Health Counsellor, Debbie, an Occupational Therapist, and Rema, a Diabetes Educator, this program brings much-needed healthcare directly to people facing homelessness.

More than half the people who visit Hutt St Centre are sleeping rough, leaving serious health issues unaddressed or even unknown. Many are facing dangerous health challenges alone, often without realising the risks involved.

"If you're sleeping rough, booking in to see a health professional probably isn't high up on the priority list," explains James.



"It's more about survival — but they could benefit from that support. And it's great that people who want treatment can access that so easily here."



▲ Diabetes Educator, Rema, supporting Peter with his diabetes management at Hutt St Centre.



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to read more about the health challenges faced by our guests and how your support is making a difference.



Hutt St Centre Platinum Jubilee

From humble beginnings in 1954, when the Daughters of Charity served sandwiches and tea to returned war veterans, Hutt St Centre has become a vital service for people at risk of or experiencing homelessness in South Australia.

These photos offer a glimpse into our journey — a testament to the care and resilience of our community.

Today, with 75 staff and 200 volunteers, we provide support to more than 2,200 people each year — helping with wellbeing, mental and physical health, advocacy, education, employment, and housing.

This incredible journey wouldn't have been possible without you, our generous supporters. Thank you for standing by us and making this work possible.

Stay tuned for our upcoming documentary, which captures this inspiring legacy of care and empowerment.



*Church of Mary Immaculate
Opened 24.6.1954*

THE PRIESTS OF THE CATHEDRAL PARISH
AND THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY
invite

to be present at the
Blessing and Opening of Edward Hall
256 Hutt Street, Adelaide
by the Most Rev. M. Beovich, D.D., Ph.D.,
Archbishop of Adelaide
on Sunday, 5th August, 1962 at 3 p.m.

The Administrator
Archbishop's House
West Terrace,
Adelaide

During 1961 the Daughters of Charity served 24,720 meals to men; 2,084 meals to families.

The Sisters also do works of charity by:

- Visiting the Gaol
- Visiting Hospitals
- Visiting Families
- Providing Clubs and Sodalties for Girls

The new Edward Hall provides a much needed dining room, kitchen and storage facilities.



**Commemorating
70 years of compassion,
dignity, and life-changing
service.**



Your generosity helped

Michael score big

– on and off the field

Many people experiencing homelessness feel isolated and struggle to find meaning in their day-to-day lives. But thanks to your incredible support, Michael went from experiencing homelessness to representing Australia on an international stage!

It all began when he came across a flier for The Big Issue Street Soccer program at Hutt St Centre.

"I was back-and-forth between my mum's place and friends' places couch-surfing," he says. "I came over and gave it a go — and now I go every week. It's a passion for me."

Through our Pathways program, Michael gained more than just a love for soccer. He participated in the Cooking Class, Veggie Gardening Group, and Book Club, where he made new friends and developed practical skills.

The turning point came when Michael was selected to represent Australia at the 2024 The Big Issue Homeless World Cup in Seoul, Korea. It was his first time travelling internationally — and even his first time holding a passport or boarding a plane!

The Pathways team ensured Michael was travel-ready, providing essentials like a suitcase, an Aboriginal flag, toiletries, sneakers, and a jacket for his trip.

Michael's journey is a testament to the life-changing impact of your generosity. Thank you for believing in him, helping rebuild his confidence, and giving him the opportunity to live out his dreams.



**"When I got told
my name was
nominated my heart
started pounding!"**

Scan the QR code
to watch Michael's story on 60 Minutes
and see his incredible story.



**While some names and images have been changed for privacy, these stories are very real and reflect how important your generosity is for helping people start their journey towards homelessness.*

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