

Hutt Street Centre News

June 2011

HSC Statistics Update

In the first 6 months of our new Eastern Generic Homelessness Services contract we have already provided services to 1,000 clients. These are the numbers that highlight the need for your support. Those accessing EGHS services also need to eat, shower, do their washing, store their gear, access mail etc. Basic human needs.

Newsflash: Keep up with all our news when it happens— 'Like' us (Hutt Street Centre) on Facebook & follow us on Twitter!



Events Calendar

Walk a Mile—Aug 5th

High Tea—October

Touch Wine—Nov 13th

New Vehicle for Outreach

We are very grateful to the IGC through the Hotel Care Community Projects fund for their grant to purchase a Rav 4 vehicle to use for our social work outreach program. In a first for our sector nationally, HSC is providing a social work service in the Vincentian Centre—which provides emergency accommodation for men in Whitmore Sq.

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News from the desk of CEO Ian Cox

Last week I was interviewed on 5AA by Amanda Blair and I made the comment that I have the best job in the world, and Amanda replied that Danielle Bayard had also told her the same thing in a previous conversation. It then got me thinking about why we believe this to be the case. It certainly can't be because of the pay because our sector is so undervalued, particularly considering the welfare sector is the second fastest growing industry in Australia. The fastest growing industry is the mining and resources sector, which highlights the increasing gaps we are seeing in society today.

What it comes down to is the fact that our organisation is not only about making a real difference each and every day (and we are seeing plenty of success stories at the moment with people being housed and linked to employment, training and education outcomes), but we are involved daily in connecting with people, listening and valuing clients stories, working alongside them and having a conversation with someone who may not have had that opportunity anywhere else that day.

I was then talking with one of our Volunteers in the Day Centre, who told me of some of his experiences and stories relating to our client group. He said that the value of the Day Centre is 'simply extraordinary' because for people who are so isolated in the community, there is a deep and valued connection with us. The outcomes may not be as simple as just securing housing – for someone sleeping rough with a sleeping disorder as an example, until he gets this problem resolved, his preferred option is to sleep rough because he can at least get up early in the day and focus on his jobs and activities. If he is sleeping in a form of accommodation, his disorder means that he will inevitably sleep all day, which affects his mental and emotional health. Another client's major issue is his teeth – this is affecting his confidence to seek work and is his number 1 priority – housing is secondary at this stage. For another client, he just wants to access a cheap car so that he can get a job and get there on time – that is his priority.

So I guess for many clients accessing our services, we know that they are seeking support from both our core services (meals, showers, lockers and laundry facilities) and professional services (housing, mental health, health, counselling), but the reasons are also due to relational and spiritual issues. Those conversations in the Day Centre and around the place are paramount in ensuring that people remain connected to the community, and are a major reason why we enjoy our job so much – we feel privileged in being able to do this for a job and being able to be so close to the 'action'.

Ian Cox CEO

HUTT STREET CENTRE

WALK A MILE IN MY BOOTS

FRIDAY 5 AUGUST - 7:30 AM



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SUPPORTING PARTNERS



Find out what people who are homeless face each cold winter morning – walking the streets to get breakfast, a cup of tea and a hot shower – by experiencing that life for one hour and one mile.

Join us on **Friday 5th August 2011 at 7.30am** to walk from Rundle Park on East Terrace along Hutt St to South Terrace where you will be met with a typical HSC breakfast and warm cup of tea.

Bring your family, friends and work colleagues and this year help us to raise \$100,000 for Hutt Street Centre. Entry is \$20 adult, \$10 concession, \$5 child. Children under 5 are free.

walk a mile in my boots may not change **your** life too much but it will help rebuild the lives of those who are homeless.

Register now: www.huttstcentre.org.au or call 8418 2500



Entries are now open for Touch Wine 2011. Wineries and corporates who do business with wineries (or would like to) are invited to enter their team for this year's event. Touch is a sport that is easily played by men and women and having fun is open to everyone! This is a great day out and provides an excellent team bonding opportunity as well as the chance to hang out with friends, colleagues and people who know a lot about wine! For the public it offers a fantastic family day out with wines to try, fabulous picnic style food, kids entertainment and music from winery bands to keep you having fun all day.

Touch Wine started in Adelaide in 2005 and has also now been played in the Hunter Valley, Ireland and Melbourne, all raising funds to reduce homelessness. The funds raised from Touch Wine have enabled us to provide additional support and programs for people with mental illness, including initiating our Education and Training Program which includes one on one tutoring in literacy for people who have fallen between the gaps of public education due to their mental health issues.

To enter a team please log on to www.touchwine.com.au or contact Danielle on 8418 2511 for more information about your eligibility to participate. The official launch of TW11 will be held with Matthew Jukes on August 24th.

Angel for a Day launch

On May 26th Bruce McAvaney was upstaged by HSC's very special cook Brenda McCulloch during an entertaining interview at the launch of Angel for a Day 2011/12. In the presence of over 120 guests Brenda recounted a number of very funny stories that have happened on her shift over the last 17 years. Brenda's Scottish sense of humour and her ability to handle anybody in any condition have made her a perfect kitchen manager at HSC. Her millionth meal will be served in July. A special celebration to recognise all our wonderful volunteers will be held later in the year.

Already Angel for a Day 2011/12 has raised over \$83,000 which is a brilliant effort. Thank you to all our Angels who enable Brenda and all the kitchen volunteers to keep serving up great meals to our client group.

You can become an Angel by making a donation of \$350 which provides breakfast and lunch for 200 people at Hutt St Centre. To sign up please call Carmel on 8418 2509.



Bruce & Brenda



Ian Cox, Mike Wockel, John Haren, Sharon Wachtel & Tony Roach with the MOU

Historical signing of Vincentian Alliance

Hutt Street Centre, St Vincent de Paul (SA) Inc and Frederic Ozanam Housing Association recently created history by signing a Memorandum of Understanding to address the impacts of homelessness in Adelaide more effectively.

"The Vincentian Alliance will see the three services partner to achieve better outcomes for their clients by sharing services, volunteers, expertise, infrastructure and other resources," said Monsignor David Cappo AO as he witnessed the historical signing at the Vincentian Centre on May 20.

"This is one of the first times this level of integration has occurred anywhere in Australia and is a great example of how community services can be achieved through a partnership approach," he said.

HSC social workers are already visiting the Vincentian Centre (emergency accommodation for men in Whitmore Square) four days a week to deliver Intake and Assessment services to the men using the Centre.

The Alliance has already seen a number of client benefits. It's brought a faster response to the housing needs and the resolution of relationship issues, thus averting a period of homelessness. Most importantly the Alliance means that we have been able to assist people to navigate through the housing continuum of emergency accommodation to boarding houses as well as accessing employment and training opportunities through our mutual programs.

Other HSC News

Craig Richards, part of our Friday Gang Green team was thrilled to be selected in SA's street soccer team to play in Sydney recently. Unfortunately Craig broke his leg playing and ended up spending a couple of weeks in hospital in Sydney to recover. Rough game soccer! We wish Craig a speedy recovery.

Workskil recently teamed up with **Romeo's Foodland** and **Coffex** to donate a year's supply of milk and coffee to HSC. This is a magnificent donation as coffee is generally offered sparingly due to its cost. This will certainly put a smile on those cold faces early on winter mornings.

If you check out our **Hutt Street Centre Facebook** page you will see the fundraising initiative of a former client **Brendan Furey** who is growing his hair for a year without cutting it to raise money for HSC. If you understand the frustration of hair that's too long, or wish you could grow your hair long, log on and sponsor him!

Become a regular donor to HSC — it's easy and you'll hardly notice it— but it will help us to rebuild lives.

Making a regular automatic donation to Hutt St Centre by direct debit or credit card is a simple way for you to assist us. Donations are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt for your gift either monthly or at the end of the financial year. Your gift is significant in helping us to rebuild lives. For more information contact Carmel on 8418 2509 or fill out the response form below and send it back to us to begin making your valued contribution. Post to: Carmel Rizzotto, Hutt St Centre, 258 Hutt St, Adelaide SA 5000

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