



SUMMER 2016



Macquarie Group has recently become a major supporter of the Sisters of Charity Foundation Tertiary Scholarship Program and will provide the funding necessary to create four new scholarships at Western Sydney University for disadvantaged young women who have lived in out-of-home care.

Macquarie Group has generously provided funding for four, \$30,000 scholarships but these scholarships offer so much more than financial assistance.

Our Scholarship Program is unique because it specifically targets young people who have lived in foster care or some other out-of-home care arrangement. Research shows less than 3% of young people that have lived in foster care go onto higher education compared to around 40% of other young people in their early twenties. This participation rate is unacceptably low and the SoCF is committed to creating education opportunities for deserving young people to achieve their potential.

Macquarie Group is a leading provider of financial, advisory, investment and fund management services around the world with a strong commitment to giving back to the community. In fact the Macquarie Group Foundation and Macquarie staff contributed close to \$A30m to 1,500 organisations globally in the year to 31 March 2016 with staff also donating 46,000 hours of their time volunteering.

The Sisters of Charity Foundation warmly welcomes Macquarie Group's support for the Sisters of Charity Foundation Tertiary Scholarship Program which has increased the number of scholarships currently available to 15, spread across three states and eight universities.

Chairman's Message

We are delighted the Sisters of Charity Foundation Scholarship Program has received another major boost with the Macquarie Group supporting the establishment of four new scholarships at Western Sydney University. Giving deserving and motivated young people the opportunity to achieve their potential through education is perhaps the greatest gift of all. Our scholarship program for young people who have lived in out-of-home care is growing steadily and changing lives in a positive and sustainable way. Our number of scholarships has grown to 15 across 3 states and we look forward to celebrating the graduation of three of our students in the coming months.

This year the SoCF has distributed \$570,549 through our community grants program to community organisations that work hard to break the cycle of poverty and social isolation. An inspiring example of how our funding is making a dramatic change can be seen at The Bread and Butter Factory. In 2012 the SoCF provided start-up funding for Australia's first social enterprise bakery. The Bread and Butter Project invests 100% of their profits into providing training employment pathways for refugees and asylum seekers. I recently had the opportunity to visit the bakery and hear first-hand the difference our gift has made. In just over three years the bakery has provided 19 trainees with full-time paid employment and on-site accredited training. 100% of their graduates have found meaningful employment at the end of their traineeship and they have nurtured 3 asylum seekers as kitchen hands and provided an additional 23 refugees paid bakery training.

The SoCF is very pleased to welcome two new Directors to the Foundation's Board. First I would like to welcome Sr Margaret Valentine rsc who will replace Sr Libbey Byrne rsc as the Congregational Leadership's representative on the Board. Sr Libbey has taken up the position of the Parish Pastoral Coordinator of the Myall Coast Parish which was a position previously held by Sr Margaret. And I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Mr Greg Khoury who will bring a broad range of business and philanthropic experience to the Foundation. Greg will replace Mr Sam Hardjono who has served on the Board since 2014. On behalf of my fellow Directors I would like to extend our warm thanks to Sr Libbey and Sam for their dedication and the contribution of their expertise over the years.

In closing I would like to wish you and your loved ones a peaceful and joyous Christmas and New Year. Thank you for your support. The Sisters of Charity Foundation continues to grow its reach and provide a helping hand where it is most needed because of the support of our generous donors. By working together we are able to restore hope and build dignity within people and communities.



Richard Haddock AM

Sisters of Charity Set Up a Second Scholarship at Western Sydney University

The Sisters of Charity Foundation recently awarded a scholarship to Tasha Reynolds to study a Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedicine). When Tasha was awarded the scholarship at a recent ceremony at WSU she said,

“But if there's one thing I can be sure of, it is that I'm no less of a person than any individual who walks before me. I might not have a mother to seek advice from or a father to help me with my studies but what I do have is the strength gained from struggle. I would like to show my appreciation to the Sisters of Charity Foundation who have provided me with a breathtaking opportunity like no other, thank you for all your kind and generous support.”



Mr Richard Haddock AM, Chairman of the Sisters of Charity Foundation, Tasha Reynolds – Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedicine) and Ms Deborah Carr, Director of Development at Western Sydney University.

Bequest Program

The Sisters of Charity Foundation invites you to consider making a gift that will be dedicated to enabling those plagued by disadvantage to build a brighter future for themselves and those they love.

If you would like more information about the Sisters of Charity Foundation Bequest Program please contact Reba Meagher or Judy Christie on 02 9367 1211.

Sisters of Charity Foundation Community Grants Program

Healthy Ears for Life Project (WA)

The Earbus Foundation is a charity that aims to reduce the incidence of middle ear disease in Indigenous and at-risk children in Western Australia below the World Health Organisation Benchmark of 4%. Funding provided by the Sisters of Charity Foundation will be used to provide a mobile outreach screening service and enable screening of over 1,500 Indigenous and at-risk children in the Pilbara and Goldfields regions of WA. Middle ear disease is extremely detrimental to a child's development and those affected are at risk of a life of social isolation, without language and destined for educational failure and a life dependent on welfare. However, there is good news. Early detection and treatment can prevent Permanent Childhood Hearing Impairment (PCHI) and restore a child's opportunity to live up to his or her potential. The Earbus Foundation, working in partnership with the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children will ensure many Aboriginal children will get the health care they deserve.



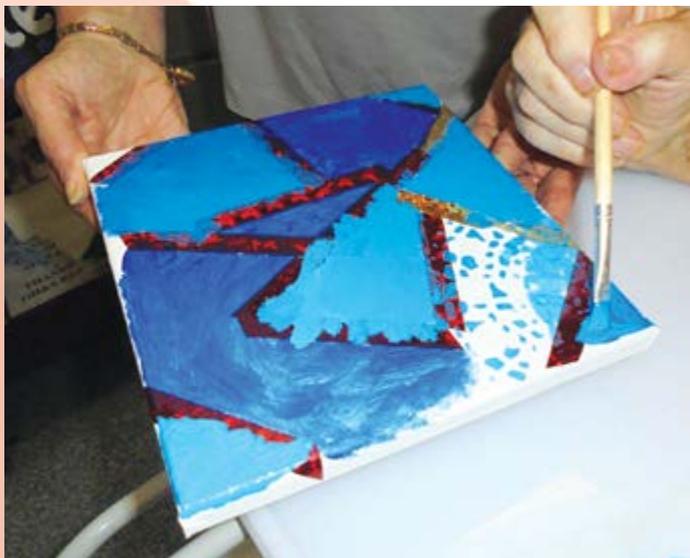
Safe Sleep for all Babies (VIC)

An organisation called St Kilda Mums collect, sort and redistribute essential nursery equipment, clothing, books and toys to families in need. They have a large team of dedicated volunteers who clean and safe-check all equipment. They also bundle clothing into beautifully packaged bags according to size and gender ready for distribution to mothers and children in need. Funding provided by the Sisters of Charity Foundation will be used to purchase 61 cot packs which include cots, mattresses, linen packs, blankets and mattress protectors. St Kilda Mums are providing practical aid to families in crisis so babies and toddlers are safe and warm at sleep time. Our funding will help them meet the increasing demand on their service.



Hope and Healing Through Art (SA)

The Sisters of Charity Foundation has provided funding to The Repat Foundation to provide art therapy to veterans and emergency first responders experiencing the debilitating mental health condition, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder arising from their frontline roles in the face of trauma. Sufferers of PTSD arising from their service struggle with depression, isolation, relationship breakdowns and a sense of hopelessness. Art Therapy is not about creating aesthetic images, it's about effecting change and growth through artistic expression in a safe and supportive environment through focussed one-to-one psychotherapy sessions to assist with recovery.



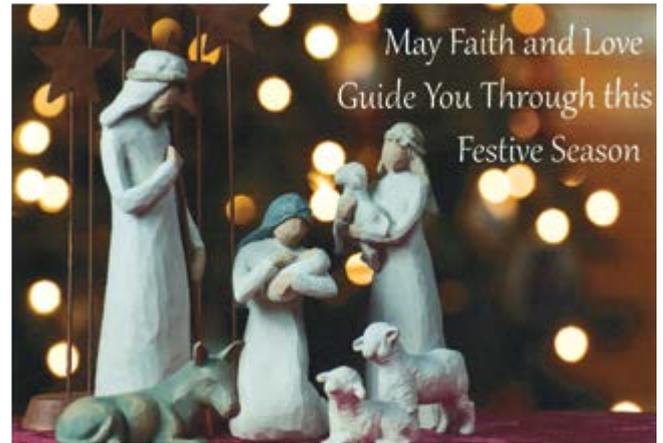
The SISTER2sister Program (NSW)

The Life Changing Experiences Foundation runs SISTER2sister which is an early intervention program that opens the door to trauma recovery for disadvantaged and abused young girls from the Outer West and Southern suburbs of Sydney. Founded by a former high school teacher, the Foundation is dedicated to empowering marginalised young women to pave a different path than that of their predecessors, focussing on completing their education, gaining stable employment and being better equipped for life and parenthood. Sadly, issues of self-harm, sexual violence, bullying, social isolation and unsafe online behaviour have reached crisis levels amongst school age young women. Funding provided by the Sisters of Charity Foundation will facilitate the training of volunteer mentors to assist young women at risk, to navigate the challenges they face and make life affirming choices.



Christmas Card Design Competition

The students from Mary Aikenhead Schools in Queensland and Victoria created some wonderful designs for the 2016 Christmas Cards Design Competition. The designs reflected a positive Christmas message and gave consideration to the history and charism of the Sisters of Charity. The winning design will be the official 2016 Christmas greeting of the Sisters of Charity Foundation.



First prize was awarded to Jacqui Roysmith a year 9 student at Mt St Michael's College, QLD.

Our judges selected two runners-up, Josephine Barr-Thomson a year 10 student and Claudia Hunt a year 10 student at Mt St Michael's College, QLD.

Donation

The Sisters of Charity Foundation means the world of difference to people who, through no fault of their own, live with the harsh effects of poverty on a daily basis. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Please visit our WEB site at www.sistersofcharityfoundation.com.au to donate online or complete this form and send to **Sisters of Charity Foundation, PO Box 2432 Bondi Junction NSW 1355**

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