

2017 FUNDING RECIPIENTS

Recipients of funding for 2017 from The Ballarat Foundation and United Way Ballarat announced December 8, 2016.



MERCY WORKS: MERCY CONNECT BALLARAT

This project began in 2012 and provides in-school academic support and mentoring to refugee and asylum seeker students through the use of trained volunteers with an educational background.

HARVEST MINISTRY OF FOOD - KEEPING COOL

Providing a free meal each Thursday at lunch time, and a food bank pick up centre each Friday. A new cool room has been established with the ability to store more food for distribution.

WRISC FAMILY VIOLENCE SUPPORT: CREATIVE THERAPIES GROUP PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

Targeting school-aged children who have experienced family violence, trauma, homelessness or high conflict separation, this program utilises art therapy to increase self-awareness and supports children to emerge better equipped to deal with relationships and adverse life issues.

WRISC FAMILY VIOLENCE SUPPORT: SAFETY ASSIST

This project promotes the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable women and their children through the provision of material resources that may allow these clients to reside safely (and with less fear) in their homes and/or community, as well as enhancing their independence and enabling the growth of self-esteem.



HEPBURN HEALTH SERVICE: CRESWICK MEN'S FRIENDSHIP SHED

This Men's Shed is considered the oldest in Victoria and is a hive of activity attracting men from a variety of ages and backgrounds on a regular basis. Some men come to produce great work, others to socialise and chat or to learn new skills. Their prime motivation in attending is to experience the terrific sense of camaraderie and support which is offered to each and every participant.

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UNITINGCARE BALLARAT: BREEZEWAY MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

Breezeway offers a substantial and nutritious sit-down midday meal every day of the year for the homeless. Breezeway also enables connectivity with essential social services while offering some comfort in terms of nutritional meals, coffee, a place to shower, a post office box for mail and lockers for those who need safe storage for a few personal possessions. Volunteers at Breezeway, now in its 17th year of operation, prepare the meals and make every effort to provide a warm and welcoming environment for those accessing meals.

BALLARAT COMMUNITY HEALTH: BALLARAT COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

An initiative of the Food Access Network group the project will facilitate a strategic planning forum bringing together high level decision makers and stakeholders to examine the issues using a collective impact model. This will enable a shared understanding of the problem and an evidence-based action plan to achieve sustainable change.

CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES - MIXING BOWL

A ten week cooking program that offers young people the opportunity to learn cooking and prepare their own meals. The young people are those aged between 11 and 17, who live in alternative care arrangements, or with a degree of vulnerability within their family of origin.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS: BALLARAT APPRENTICESHIP MENTORING

Big Brothers Big Sisters will partner with Ballarat Group Training to support young apprentices aged 16 - 21 to address the problem of 60% drop out rates in the first year of apprenticeships. Young apprentices will be matched with a screened, trained mentor who has been an apprentice themselves.



BALLARAT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: PHOENIX COLLEGE BREAKFAST CLUB

This program, run by volunteers, provides a free, substantial breakfast for mostly high school students who, for whatever reason, arrive at school without having had any food. Breakfast gives them the best chance of learning effectively throughout the day and they have the opportunity to form new friendships and interact with the volunteers; the students are encouraged to assist with the Breakfast.

ONE HUMANITY SHOWER BUS

Ensuring dignity and hope for homeless people in our city through the provision of hygiene services. Offered in an accepting and safe environment, the bus offers not only shower facilities but provides the essentials to support personal hygiene and referral to other support services. Other material needs are also provided if needed such as a clean blanket, a towel and information about where to source food.



AQUINAS YOUNG VINCENTIAN: AQUINAS YOUNG VINNIES KIDS CAMPS

Cost-free weekend camps and kids-days-out are provided to children who are disadvantaged - socially, financially, emotionally, physically and culturally - and who would not otherwise have an opportunity to attend such events.



E.MOTION21: MOVING BODIES, MOVING BOUNDARIES THROUGH BEAT FIT - BALLARAT

Following on from the successful Beat Fit Ballarat program for children and young adults with Down syndrome, this project will see this program offered to All abilities special needs children.



SALVO CONNECT WESTERN: LARF MENTORING PROGRAM

LARF is a mentoring program of activities provided to children and youth to reduce the risks associated with social isolation due to a range of factors such as social skills deficits, mental illness, experiences of poverty, homelessness, family violence, or family breakdown. The program engages youth volunteers aged 16 - 30 to become mentors to younger mentees aged seven to 15 over a minimum period of 12 months.

UNITINGCARE BALLARAT: MEALS FOR CHANGE

A social inclusion program, where young people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness can purchase a meal at a local community café without stigma or financial exclusion. Members can purchase meals of up to \$15 value from partnering cafés for \$3, with Meals for Change reimbursing partner cafés the difference.

IN 2017 THESE PROJECTS WILL



IMPACT 5,837 PEOPLE DIRECTLY



IMPACT MANY MORE INDIRECTLY



SUPPORT OVER 550 VOLUNTEERS



PROVIDE OVER 13,800 MEALS AND FOOD RELIEF

OUR KEY PRIORITIES AT A GLANCE

EARLY CHILDHOOD SUCCESS

Every child enters school ready to learn and with an opportunity to prosper

YOUTH SUCCESS

Every young person has the skills and opportunities to prosper in employment

HOUSING SECURITY

Every child, person or family has the security of a home

FOOD SECURITY

Every child, person or family has continuous access to safe and nutritious food

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