



Meet the students studying nursing at Australian Catholic University

Photo L to R of Shantell, Bree and Tessa

Scholarships

The Sisters of Charity Foundation Tertiary Scholarship Program is now up and running and supporting five students at the Australian Catholic University and the University of Notre Dame. The program offers fully funded university scholarships to young people who have lived in foster care without the emotional and financial support from their own parents, most of us take for granted.

There are around 18,000 children and young people in NSW alone who, through no fault of their own, cannot live with their parents. Sometimes that is because parents have passed away or suffer severe mental illness. Sadly, for the vast majority it is because of their parents' drug and alcohol problems, domestic violence, abuse and neglect.

Such a traumatic start in life often results in compromised educational outcomes and it is estimated that only 2.8% of young people leaving foster care go onto university. We are determined to build on that by supporting motivated young people to study and embark upon a fulfilling career.

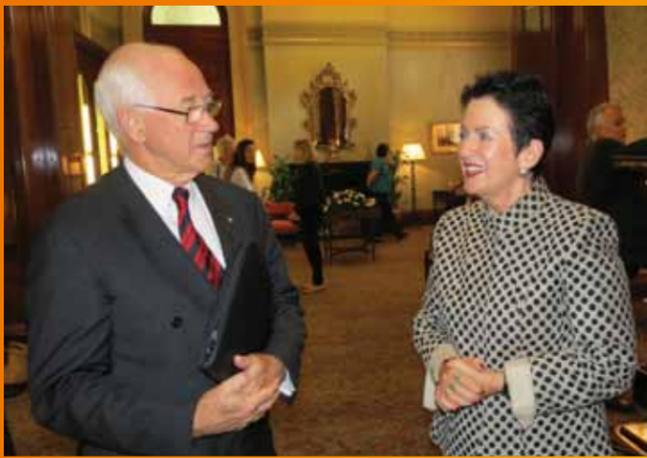
Education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty. It is a second chance in life that will give a young person the means to better themselves, make a positive contribution to the community and be a positive role model to their own family and friends.

...Some Personal Testimony:

Bree "I grew up in disadvantaged homes with different families and was rarely sent to school. However, with the help of a few dedicated people, including social workers, church ministers and nurses, I was able to get through these times. I am so grateful for the opportunity to study at Australian Catholic University and I hope that one day, I can make just a small difference in someone's life, just as many people have done for me."

Tessa "From the age of 14 I was forced to become independent and with no family support or income, it was exceedingly difficult for me to do well at school despite my capacity to do so. This scholarship has given me the opportunity to achieve my dreams and aspirations."

Shantell "Whilst I would not change my life, the scholarship helps me to bridge the gap between what others have had, living with their parents and what I have had, in having to support myself. Being a recipient of the scholarship will also benefit my six siblings. This will show them that goals and dreams are achievable."



Lord Mayor Clover Moore and Jim Dominguez AM Director of Sisters of Charity Foundation.

Clover Moore supports the Sisters of Charity Scholarship Program

The Lord Mayor of Sydney, Clover Moore, recently donated \$40,000 to the Sisters of Charity Foundation Scholarship Program. This generous donation will enable two young people to achieve their dreams of going to university.

Since becoming the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Clover Moore has donated her mayoral salary to organisations and projects that are making a difference to the lives of people living in the City of Sydney.

The Sisters of Charity Foundation would like to sincerely thank Ms Moore for her generous contribution that will be used to expand the program.

Community Grants Program

Twice a year the Sisters of Charity Foundation gives grants to small community organisations who deliver services that help the poor and underserved. Often, it only takes a small amount of money to make a difference. We are grateful to the organisations we support for their compassion and determination to offer a helping hand. Below is a snap shot of some of the programs we are honoured to support:

FareShare Schools Run Program:

In poorer areas 50 per cent of Australian children regularly go to school without breakfast. However, motivated by studies which show there are long term health benefits from eating breakfast daily plus concerns that an increasing number of children

attending school on an empty stomach, FareShare started its Schools Run Program in July 2011. With the financial support of the Sisters of Charity Foundation, FareShare vans distribute breakfast food, such as fresh fruit, cheese, yoghurt, cereal and bread, to primary schools and kindergartens in disadvantaged areas across Melbourne's Inner, West and South Eastern suburbs. In all, nourishing food is provided to 68 schools through the Schools Run project – assisting around 1,500 young children every week.

With Australia's high cost of living, many parents are struggling to provide nutritious meals for their family, especially once other bills are paid. According to Professor Geoffrey Lawrence of the Global Change Institute, "The aggregate price of food globally has doubled between 2000 and 2010 in real terms and it looks like food is going to be about 50% higher over the next decade." It is no surprise that charitable agencies are seeing an increasing number of families turning to them for food relief.

*"I like the bread, baked beans and spaghetti I come in every day. I reckon this place is the best."
Enrique - Grade 5*

*"My favourite item is a hot milo. I feel warm inside after a hot milo every morning."
Gabby - Grade 3*

*"When I go to breakfast club I have toast with butter and I love it."
Jeremy*



Tree of Hope Program run by CatholicCare Community Services NSW.

The Sisters of Charity Foundation is pleased to be able to provide financial support to the Tree of Hope program run by CatholicCare Community Services. This program provides, spiritual, emotional and practical support for people living with HIV/AIDS, their families and their support persons or carers. The care and support needs of people living with HIV and those caring for them are complex and life-long.

The program has developed over the years as HIV/AIDS has shifted from a focus on care for the dying to care for the living. As well as group activities, other support services include one on one consultations, home visitations, telephone support and helping with shopping and transport to doctors appointments.

The 'Schools Out' Program helping Tassie kids.

With the support of the Sisters of Charity Foundation the Bridgewater Police and Citizens Youth Club are running school holiday programs for children and young people and will include rock-climbing, ten-pin bowling, bushwalks, roller-skating and trips to the cinema.

The program will target kids in the Bridgewater and Gagebrook areas of Hobart who are disadvantaged and at risk of getting into trouble or being neglected over the holiday period.

The programs will be highly subsidised and free to those most in need.

Glennon House

Glennon House members and volunteers are delighted with the new digital television and DVD sets provided by a grant from the Sisters of Charity Foundation. People coming in from rural and remote areas for medical treatment have long hours to fill in between daily appointments or visits to the hospital and television and videos are important addition to their comfort.

Glennon House Inc is a not-for-profit organisation with a very tight budget that provides bed and breakfast for medical guests and their escorts who must travel to Toowoomba for treatment.

The cost of replacing the analogue television sets with digitals would have been unaffordable without the help of the Sisters of Charity Foundation.

The Sisters of Charity Foundation Directors & Management would like to congratulate Richard Haddock, a recipient in the Australia Day 2012 Honours List. Richard was made a Member of the Order of Australia for service to business through executive roles with financial institutions, to the law, and to the community, particularly as an adviser to the social welfare organisations of the Catholic Church in Australia.



Chairman's Message

The first Sisters of Charity Foundation Scholarship recipients have enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to study at university and we are very encouraged by their early progress. Ours is a unique program that aims to give young people who have had a tough start a second chance in life. In coming months the Foundation will be working hard so we can offer more opportunities in NSW and begin to roll out the program in other states.

We were very encouraged to have the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Clover Moore recognise the importance of the Scholarship program and make a significant donation from the Lord Mayor's Salary Trust Fund. I would like to take this opportunity to again thank her for her generosity.

We recently farewellled Sr Gaye Reynolds from the Foundation Board. After 3 years Sr Gaye has retired and her contribution will be greatly missed. However, this has made way for Sr Libbey Byrne to join the Foundation. Sr Libbey has a background in secondary school teaching and is currently serving in leadership as a Congregational Councillor. Sr Libbey will be able to provide us with important insight and guidance regarding the history, values and mission of the Sisters of Charity.

With your generous donation, the Sisters of Charity Foundation is able to provide support to the poor and underserved. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Richard Haddock AM
Chairman

Register for the City2Surf

The Sisters of Charity Foundation will be entering the City2Surf again this year to raise much needed funds for Gorman House which is a facility that provides detox services for Sydney's homeless.

Last year we raised \$18,000.00. With your support we will beat that target this year.

Please be part of our team and experience the fun and friendship that comes from participating in this iconic community event.

Don't be afraid – most of us walk! Registration will open at the end of May but please be aware they close quickly because of the popularity of the event.

For more information on how to be part of our team or be a team sponsor please contact Reba or Judy at the Foundation office on 02 9367 1211.



Peter Ferris (1932 – 2012)

The Sisters of Charity Foundation Directors and management would like to acknowledge the passing of Peter Ferris and extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

In 2000 Peter Ferris was instrumental in the establishment of the Sisters of Charity Foundation and served as the inaugural chairman. The Foundation is indebted to Peter, a remarkable, kind and generous person with a strong social conscience for those in need in our community.

We are grateful to Peter's family for kindly requesting donations be made to the Foundation in lieu of flowers. To those who have donated, we thank you for your generosity.

May he rest in peace.

Donation

Your donation to 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.

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