

HOW JUNCTION AUSTRALIA SUPPORTS YOUNG PEOPLE

HOMELESSNESS

Our homeless service supports a large number of young people who have become homeless for a variety of reasons, many of which are out of their own control. Our staff engage with each young person to identify their goals and create a support plan to assist them in securing safe short-term and long-term accommodation.

The young people work with our highly trained staff and are encouraged to engage with their education and taught important life skills to help them live independently in the future. For young people who require extra support, they are placed in a short-term home called Junction House, where they are provided with 24/7 support and a live-in counsellor.

EDUCATION

We support young people to achieve their goals. In many cases, our staff assist young people to attend school, discover their options for further education at TAFE or University, or find alternative career paths through trades or apprenticeships.

We work with young people to build their confidence and believe in themselves, and their dreams. To a young person who has had little to no hope, the idea that they can attend university or find a career can seem impossible. Junction Australia has special support homes for young people who are wanting to engage with their education, called Next Step House and Education House.

COUNSELLING

Our counselling service aims to help young people who are experiencing difficulties due to the changes and challenges of adolescence. Many of the young people who access our counselling services feel isolated, neglected and alone.

Our Parent & Adolescent Counselling service works with parents and their teenagers to work through problems and helps to prevent them going on to experience homelessness.

We also provide counselling and support for sexual abuse survivors to help them overcome their trauma, and go on to build healthy connections and relationships.

For more information on how Junction Australia supports young people, please visit our website.

HOW YOU CAN HELP US HELP THEM

DONATIONS

Large or small, all contributions are beneficial and enable Junction Australia's skilled staff to work with those in our community who most need support. Please find our donation form included on the inside of this brochure.

WORKPLACE GIVING

Workplace giving is where employees give small, regular donations to a charity from their pre-tax pay. It's a simple and effective way to make our communities a better place for all.

BEQUESTS

Make a bequest that can leave an enduring impact well into the future.

VOLUNTEERING AT OUR EVENTS

We appreciate your time and effort to help us conduct events and fundraising.

CHARITY OF CHOICE

From morning tea to quiz nights! Any event that you wish to organise that collects donations. Junction Australia would love to be your charity of choice for these donations.

Your business can also become one of our Socially Responsible Business Partners. For more information on this please visit our website.



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*Together we can provide a brighter
future for youths in need.*



WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP

Many young people turn to Junction Australia at a time of crisis in their lives. They may be homeless, couch surfing, abusing substances, suicidal or be struggling with mental health issues. Every day our staff welcome young people off the street who have nowhere to live, no one to turn to, and feel completely isolated and alone.

Junction Australia is here to support young people in situations like these, and show them they have hope for the future. We provide housing, guidance, support and counselling to those who need it.

Unfortunately due to the large numbers of young people who require support, we must rely on the generosity and helping hand of those in the community who are able to give.

For many young people, adolescence is made all the more challenging through no fault of their own. We invite you to reflect on your own time as a young person, and consider how you are able to give this winter to help us create a brighter future for South Australian's in need.

FAST FACTS



27% of homeless people in SA are teenagers aged 12-18 years.



1 in 4 young Australians currently have a mental health condition.



Suicide is the biggest killer of young Australians.



JACOB'S STORY

When Jacob* was just 15 years old, he found himself homeless and alone. After his relationship with his mother became rocky, Jacob left home to live with various family and friends, moving towns and homes constantly. He began engaging in illegal activities, feeling pressure from his peers, and soon he had run out of people to turn to. After some time, he turned to Junction Australia.

Jacob has been living in a Junction Australia 24/7 supported home for 3 months now, with 7 other young people who were once in similar situations. For the first time, Jacob has hope for the future.

As he has dyslexia, attending school can often be difficult, but he is determined to finish Year 10 and focus on his interests in carpentry and football. With the support of our social workers he has made positive steps to address his previous legal issues and has refrained from entering into his old lifestyle.

In the future, Jacob hopes to find an apprenticeship and move back to the country. He misses the open spaces and friendly people, and looks forward to returning to his friends and family and being able to give back to his community.

There are many young people in SA just like Jacob. Help us, help them.

**Clients name changed to protect their privacy.*

ALI'S STORY

When she was just a little girl, Ali* was sexually abused by a trusted neighbour. This trauma followed her through to adolescence and at age 15 her mental health took control, and she dropped out of school.

Soon after turning 16, her family broke down, leaving Ali feeling angry and alone. She ran away, and started couch surfing at friends' houses. She turned to Junction Australia after a few months, and was severely suffering from mental health issues and was angry at the world. Junction Australia supported Ali by providing her with a safe place to live in a Youth Transitional Property and encouraged her to re-engage with her education and seek support for her mental health.

She was always a creative girl, and loved to design and make things, which was encouraged by Junction Australia staff. In late 2016, Ali was doing well in school and decided she wanted to sit the STAT test to get into a university. To her surprise, she was successful, and in 2017 Ali began her first year studying a Bachelor of Design and Technology at Flinders University.

Ali is still supported by Junction Australia, and continues to live in one of our community homes. She has not yet recovered from her childhood trauma and mental health issues, and struggles daily, relying on counselling and support to cope. She is excelling at university and looks forward to a career where she can use her talents, create beautiful things and support herself.

There are many talented young people out there, just like Ali. Help us help them.

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