

## 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 one day move back to the country. He misses the open spaces, and friendly people, and looks forward to returning once he has completed an apprenticeship and can support himself.

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



*"My mum just couldn't help me anymore. I had to leave."*

\*Clients name has been changed to protect their privacy.