

Media Release

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Junction Australia brings youth in from the cold

June 26 marks the start of Junction Australia's Winter Appeal with the not-for-profit focusing its efforts on providing a brighter future for youths in need.

Every year Junction Australia supports hundreds of young people in the areas of housing, counselling, supportive programs and schooling with many turning to the organisation at a time of crisis.

Junction Australia CEO Maria Palumbo said that according to the ABS, 27 percent of the 5,985 homeless people in our State are teenagers aged 12 to 18. This number is even greater as many homeless people choose not to disclose the fact they are homeless.

"Every day Junction Australia staff welcome young people off the street who have nowhere to live, no one to turn to and who feel completely isolated and alone," Ms Palumbo said.

"We've supported young people who have quite literally been on the brink of breaking, with some also suffering from domestic violence or family abuse situations.

"On the flipside we've also witnessed the most incredible transformations in these young people, thanks to the support of the staff and programs at Junction Australia. Some have gone on to purchase their own homes, complete university degrees or start their own families.

"Our Winter Appeal is focused on the continued support of disadvantaged youth in South Australia. We strongly believe each of us has a responsibility to our young people, because everyone deserves the chance for a brighter future."

Junction Australia is asking the local South Australian community to dig deep and donate to the 2017 Winter Appeal to help make a huge difference in the lives of our State's youth. Funds raised through the Winter Appeal will be used for housing, guidance, support and counselling to those who need it. This year Junction Australia is aiming to raise \$30,000 to support South Australia's homeless youth.

For more information about Junction Australia or to donate to the Winter Appeal, please click [here](#).

Junction Australia is a trusted provider of quality, affordable housing and integrated community services that currently manages 1,700 properties across South Australia. We firmly believe that by working together we can take steps that enable people to navigate their way from 'Crisis to Connectedness'. Our clients are supported to overcome barriers, access opportunities and pursue their hopes and dreams.

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