

The Shopfront



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Corinthians 1: 16 "Do you not know that you are God's Temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? For God's Temple is Holy and you are that Temple."

Thanks Our continued thanks to Jiffy Foods owners John and Mary Barnett, for their desire to honour their daughter Gemma's wish for food deliveries and a wonderful refrigerated van for us.

Thanks to all the schools who constantly give us total support:

Aquinas College, Bindoon Catholic College, Emmanuel College, Santa Maria College, CBC Fremantle, La Salle College, Mt Lawley Senior High School, Sacred Heart College Sorrento, Sacred Heart PS Highgate, Our Lady's Assumption PS, Mater Dei College, Mercedes College, St Norbert's College, Chisholm College, Loreto PS, St Emilie's CPS, Aranmore College, Trinity College etc.

Thanks also to Sam Mesiti, his **Outcare** team and to Woolworths for their generous donations of food many times during the week. We were also happy to accept many donations from volunteers, visitors and other organizations like, **Centrelink** Morley, **Food Rescue** and **VincentCare**, who provide food for us.

Finally our sincere gratitude to the parishes for their great generosity in providing us with non-perishable food:

Our Lady of Lourdes Nollamara, Thomas More Crawley, Holy Family Kalamunda, Holy Rosary Nedlands, Infant Jesus Morley, Santa Clara Bentley, St Jerome's Munster, Our Lady Queen of Peace Willagee, St Mary Star of the Sea Cottesloe, Sacred Heart Highgate, St Judes Langford,

Apart from **LifeLink**, an Archdiocesan body, which is The Shopfront's principal support, the **St Vincent de Paul Society** is our chief benefactor. As well as generous financial contributions, they also support us in the following ways: provision of furniture, clothing, kitchen requirements, household items such as curtains, towels and bedding, street swags, sleeping bags and access to "Homeless Grants". Recently we collected a range of toys for our visitors' children and took advantage of

storage for hamper items in their warehouse. It is wonderful to work in such a collaborative way to fulfill our common goal of, 'ministering to the poor and those in need'.



Mental Health We have been fortunate to have two Mental

Health professional come to The Shopfront each week to care for our visitors. Marcel and Robyn from **Perth Primary Care Network** have provided invaluable assistance to those in need. Robyn assists particularly with those with suicidal thoughts, while Marcel helps with any psychological issues. They are a great help when we refer people to them.

Street Doctor Dr Inga, nurse Louise and manager Gemma, provide brilliant service to our visitors, assisting them to attend to all their health problems. We work closely with them, ensuring our people get help with both medical and social/domestic issues. Their care and commitment is a real asset to us.

Community Centrelink Simon, Megan, Karen, Neska and all the team are legendary in their pursuit of social justice for their clients at The Shopfront. Their holistic approach



ensues the financial stability of our visitors, but also that the big picture is taken into account. Their encouragement and support of the disadvantaged goes beyond their jobs and makes them fit is so perfectly at The Shopfront.

Western Australia Substance Users Association This group send Ian each week to mingle with our guests, making contact and being a resource to them if they are using a substance and wish to give it up or minimize harm. Ian works quietly and unobtrusively, but causes transformation. He is a valuable contributor at The Shopfront.



LifeLink
Catholic Caring Agencies



Volunteers In reality it is you our volunteers, who make The Shopfront so unique, special and supportive of the marginalized. It is your smile, your handshake, your laughter and your banter that brightens the spirits of all who enter. It is also your hard work; washing dishes, cleaning tables, preparing food and mopping floors, which keeps us open and running. Without each one of you The Shopfront is just an empty old building. With you, it is a place what our people can feel at home in, if just for a few hours each day. **Thank you!**

Christmas We have begun getting ready for Christmas (believe it or not). We are in need of people who would like to sew some Christmas stockings; simple stitching, no hems, using felt, patterns provided. Ring us if you'd like to help. We would be very grateful as each one of our 400 Christmas guests gets a stocking.

We also want to thank the **Scarborough Rotary Club** for their wonderful \$2000 donation for our Christmas Party and further donations of a special fridge and two laptop computers. Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness.

Shopfront Snaps



Jesus is Risen

May the Joy of the Risen Lord be with you and your families at Easter and throughout the year.

