

How Grand Are Grandparents!

On any given day in South Australia, there are grandfathers and grandmothers right across the State, acting as carers and guardians for their grandchildren, due to a parent's imprisonment. These grandparent carers are the glue keeping their families and grandchildren together.

Over the past four years, our **PK Family Care** workers have supported and journeyed alongside over 50 grandparent carers – providing practical and emotional support. Together, with your support, we have provided cash-strapped families with school uniform and shoe packages, furniture and homewares as needed and birthday and Christmas presents for the kids.

"Thank you for supporting my grandkids while their Mum was in jail. Being a grandparent carer, it means a lot to us. And with no other support, the Birthday gifts make it a bit easier."



PK Family Care workers have provided grandparents with advocacy support, agency referrals and emotional encouragement. One grateful grandmother writes, *"Second Chances SA is a brilliant organisation and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for putting a smile on my son and grandson's faces."*

For some families, it's the simple, yet meaningful moments that make all

the difference. When 14 year-old Brent* received a Birthday present on behalf of his dad in prison, Brent's grandma, Margaret* called us to find out more about our **PK Birthday** program.

"The present was perfect," she shared. "Please send my heartfelt thanks to the organisation and the volunteer who chose his presents. No words can express how much it meant to Brent and me."

Spring is here at Second Chances Furniture Warehouse!

Furniture Warehouse & Op Shop



If you're in the middle of Spring cleaning and looking for a new home for your quality, pre-loved furniture – look no further than **Second Chances Furniture Warehouse**.

Our volunteers can collect good furniture you no longer require and give it a new home. Second Chances Furniture Warehouse provides affordable furniture packages with dignity, to those doing it tough, including victims of domestic violence and the homeless.

The Showroom/Warehouse is also open to the general public and offers great

furniture at generous prices – with all funds raised going towards Second Chances SA programs for children and young people with a parent in prison.

Recently Second Chances Furniture Warehouse Manager Liam, received a Premier's Certificate for his five years of Outstanding Volunteer Service. Congratulations Liam.

Second Chances Furniture Warehouse

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Who Cares?

Can you imagine what it would be like not to read or write well? Can you imagine the feeling of being picked on as a child because you have a mum or dad in prison? Can you imagine the isolation and stigma which comes from having a parent with a life controlling addiction which takes them 'away' for long periods of time?

Can you imagine what it's like to have a fridge which is empty and you're hungry most days? Can you imagine the sense of abandonment a child would feel when their mum, dad or both are gone and the house is left with an overwhelming sense of emptiness?

Then, in the midst of these feelings you still have to go to school putting on a brave face but the shame still lurks around you. You don't want to go to

school because you're being teased. Other children can be so cruel with hurtful words that sink deep. You feel a stigma even though you don't fully understand the word. **Not their crime. Not their fault.**

You love your dad and mum – they are the only mum and dad you have and you want the family to be together.

You want to go to school and do well but there is so much happening at home who will help you? Who will encourage you to attend every day, help you do your homework and think about what you might want to be when you get older?

Did you have someone who believed in you when you were growing up? Encouraged you to keep going, finish school and dream big? Did someone speak positive words of what your future might

look like? Did you think it was possible to finish high school and go on to study further to consider a vocation or career for yourself?

Many times, it's been said that people who turned their lives around just needed one person who cared. Do you care about the plight of prisoners' children?

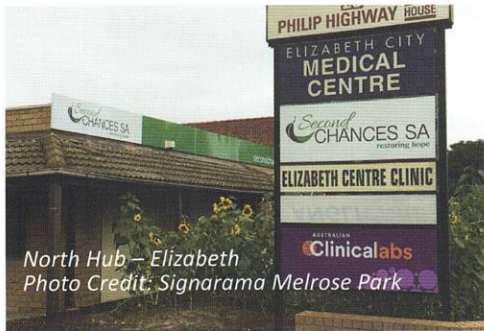
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Chief Executive

Photo: Studio Shubin



North and South Adelaide: Getting Ready for Take Off



North Hub – Elizabeth
Photo Credit: Signarama Melrose Park

We've engaged two Life Coaches – one in the north and one in the south who are committed to inspiring and coaching our young people to achieve and have a vision for their lives which will break the cycle of welfare dependency.

Stay tuned because very soon we'll be able to make the grand and official announcement about this exciting project.

So far we've registered **59 participants** into vocational training and job ready courses, knocking down barriers and helping them overcome whatever might be holding them back from setting and achieving vocational and career goals for their lives.

Getting Ready for Take Off – is making a difference to many whose parent is, or has been, in prison. Here is Luke's story- so far.

Luke is 17 years old and currently on home detention. Although initially hesitant and lacking in self-confidence, Luke, agreed to working with a Second Chances SA Life Coach.*

Since teaming up with his Life Coach, Luke has obtained his learner's permit – successfully on his first attempt. This

has been a huge confidence boost for Luke! He is now working on completing his research project, a key SACE requirement, and is pursuing it with a positive approach.

So far everyone who has met Luke has been amazed at his change in attitude, and involvement and dedication to his studies.



South Hub – Morphett Vale
Photo Credit: Signarama Melrose Park

Telethon Home Lottery

This year, **Telethon SA**, is introducing Second Chances SA as one of 14 supported South Australian charities benefitting from this year's **Telethon Home Lottery**.

To find out how and where to buy tickets and get yourself into the draw for some amazing prizes – call us on (08) 8272 0323 or visit secondchances.org.au



Tickets available now from participating charities and telethon.com.au

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Out and About in the Community

Over the past six months, **Second Chances SA** staff and volunteers have been busy out and about in the community – raising funds for our programs and advocating on behalf of the children and families of prisoners. Special thanks to the following **Service Clubs** for their invaluable and amazing support:

Kiwanis	Lions Clubs	Rotary Clubs	Zonta
Athelstone	Blackwood	Barossa Valley	Adelaide Hills
Gawler	City of Adelaide	City of Adelaide	Mount Barker
Mitcham	Torrens Valley	Eastwood	
Mount Barker		Hyde Park	
Murray Bridge		Mawson Lakes	
Reedbed/Lockleys		Mount Barker	

If your service club, church, or community group would like to host us and find out more about the work we do, please contact **Fiona** at **(08) 8272 0323** or office@secondchances.org.au



In July, **Michael O'Connell AM APM**, Second Chances SA Victims' Advocate (pictured), spoke at the **Adelaide Rotary Club** on the plight of the invisible children of prisoners and the importance of early intervention as crime prevention.



Second Chances SA hosted a booth at **School Ministry's Group's** annual conference – providing a unique opportunity to meet and network with some of the 500 attendees from right across South Australia.

Sarah and **Fiona** (pictured) made new connections with social workers and chaplains – connecting them with resources and access to family support for their students and families affected by a parent's imprisonment.

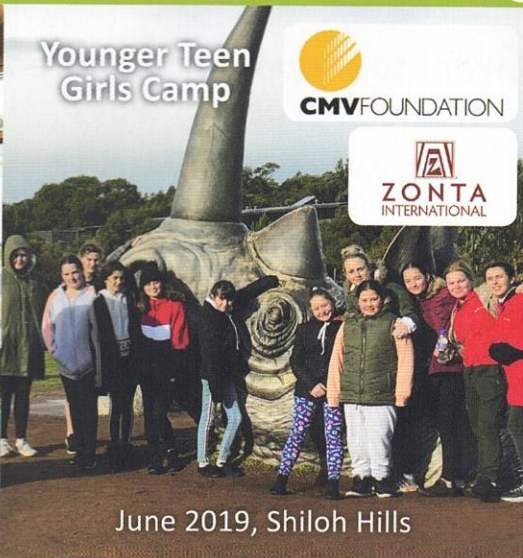
Committed **PK Mentoring Camps** volunteer, **Helen Rance** (pictured right) was awarded a 'Women Who Make a Difference' community service by **Soroptimists International Eastern Districts Adelaide** for her 11 years of mentoring leadership at PK Teen Girls Camps where she's affectionally known as 'Nana Helen.'



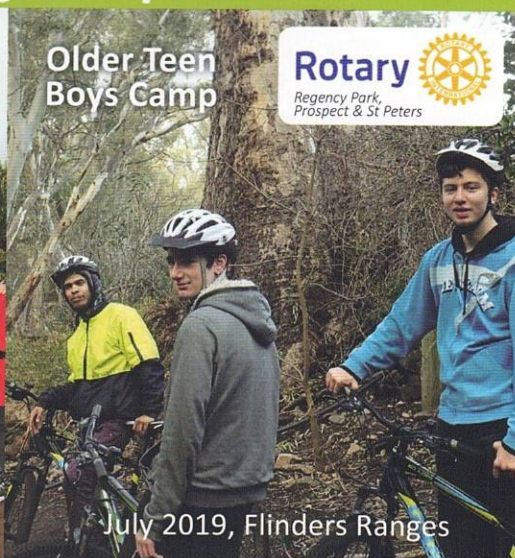
Making a Difference through Mentoring Camps



May 2019, Stirling



June 2019, Shiloh Hills



July 2019, Flinders Ranges

