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THE WORK OF  
ANGLICARE SA ”**

## ▲ MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

AnglicareSA has shared some tough times with our community recently, as well as many opportunities to celebrate the dedicated people and organisations who work with us to serve our fellow South Australians.

In August we were greatly saddened by the tragic death of a much-loved Anglicarer, Lucy Paveley. The outpouring of love and support from across our organisation and the South Australian community gave great strength and comfort to Lucy's husband Jamie and their children.

We recently honoured those lost to suicide with our annual Walk through the darkness. This is an important and moving event for the many in our community who have been bereaved by suicide to know that they do not walk alone.

So many amazing South Australians contribute to the work of AnglicareSA. We recently acknowledged some of them at our AnglicareSA Awards, which recognised the work that our committed employees, volunteers and foster carers do every day to support our community.

Foster and Kinship Care Week was another opportunity to thank our hundreds of carers across South Australia who make a positive difference in the lives of the many children and young people.

AnglicareSA's emergency assistance programs benefited from the generosity of the many guests, sponsors, staff and volunteers who came together for our annual Cathedral Banquet at St Peter's Cathedral. It was a spectacular evening which raised more than \$180,000.

Students at Pedare Christian College have worked throughout 2017 to support AnglicareSA through our Angel Day program. We celebrated their creativity and generosity at a ceremony where students passed the baton to our 2018 Angel Day school, Pulteney Grammar.

When the final car rolled off Holden's Elizabeth production line in October, it signalled the end of an era in South Australian manufacturing. Adelaide's northern suburbs will keenly feel the loss of Holden for many years to come and we will work closely with these communities to support those who need our services. Thankfully, a number of Holden workers were able to transition from manufacturing into other jobs, including into AnglicareSA's aged care services.

As Christmas approaches, please spare a thought for the many in our community who are in need and donate to our Christmas Appeal (details on the back page).

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your continued support of AnglicareSA throughout 2017 and wish you and your loved ones all the best for a very safe, peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

*Peter Sandeman  
Chief Executive Officer,  
AnglicareSA*

*Cover photo:  
After a stunning makeover, St Peter's  
Cathedral is ready for the arrival of  
Banquet guests*

## ▲ AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE WEST

Creating safe, vibrant and engaged communities is at the centre of a recent government housing transfer to AnglicareSA in Woodville.

The Housing SA parcel, which includes 737 homes in the Woodville region, has been awarded to AnglicareSA by Renewal SA as a part of the Renewing Our Streets and Suburbs (ROSAS) housing transfer.

AnglicareSA CEO Peter Sandeman said that the transfer represented an opportunity to connect communities and provide a holistic approach to social housing services.

"Our services aren't simply about providing housing but working with tenants to build a vibrant, sustainable community," Peter said.

"In addition to our tenancy service, we will support collective impact initiatives and connections to multiple services, including children's programs, financial counselling and home care services for our tenants."

"We're proud to provide quality, affordable housing within vibrant communities to South Australians on lower incomes."

AnglicareSA Housing is a nationally accredited Tier 1 housing provider, recognised for providing quality, local and personalised community housing services.



L-R: AnglicareSA's Kerryn Owen and Michelle Gegenhuber at the ROSAS launch event

## ▲ HONOUR WALK FOR LOST LOVED ONES

In the early hours of Saturday 18 November, hundreds of South Australians walked together to honour loved ones lost to suicide for the annual walk of remembrance, "Walk Through The Darkness".

The walk, hosted by AnglicareSA's Living Beyond Suicide program, coincided with the International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day.

Nancy Penna, General Manager Community Services at AnglicareSA, said the event provided an important opportunity for the many South Australians bereaved by suicide loss to connect with each other, grieve and celebrate the lives of the people they have lost.

"More than 200 South Australians die each year by suicide and it is estimated that at least 10 people are affected by each suicide," she said.

"The more we talk about suicide and the impact on our lives, families and the community, the more we can do to prevent suicide deaths.

"Those left behind often struggle with feelings of guilt, shame, anger, regret or blame and they often feel isolated. Walk Through The Darkness helps people to know they are not alone and there is support for them."

The 5.00am walk along West Beach and Tennyson beach culminated in a memorial service at Henley Square, hosted by Wesley Life Force.

Living Beyond Suicide is a free program providing practical and emotional support to families and individuals bereaved through suicide. Anyone can contact Living Beyond Suicide directly to access support on 1300 761 193.

This vital service is funded by the Adelaide Primary Health Network, an Australian Government Initiative.



L-R: AnglicareSA's Veronica Porplycia, Alison Bradshaw and Jacob Mangelsdorf at Walk Through The Darkness



## ▲ 20 YEARS OF FOSTER CARE

*AnglicareSA CEO Peter Sandeman celebrating 20 years of Foster Care with AnglicareSA staff and some of our foster carers.*

This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AnglicareSA's provision of foster care services. We are South Australia's largest provider of foster care placement and support services, working with nearly 400 carers who look after around 500 children and young people across the State.

There are many reasons a child or young person may be unable to live with their birth family, whether it's for a short period of time or for most of their childhood. Our foster carers make a positive difference to children's lives by providing a family environment in which they can grow and thrive.

Whatever the reason, living in a home environment with a family who can give a child or young person security, consistency and nurturing care is best, both for the child and the community as a whole.

## ▲ FOSTER AND KINSHIP CARE CELEBRATIONS

Foster and Kinship Care Week is an opportunity to recognise and acknowledge the incredible effort and impact our Foster and Kinship Care families make, in providing vulnerable children in South Australia with a safe and loving family home.

This year's Foster and Kinship Care Week was a wonderful celebration and opportunity for connection with our foster care families. AnglicareSA hosted close to 300 Foster and Kinship Care families at the Capri Cinema for two entertaining movie nights.

Icecream, popcorn and face painting added to the celebration and fun for the families that attended.

During the year, our pamper days held in the north and south of Adelaide also attracted more than 100 foster carers. With the theme 'Recharge and Revitalise', carers were treated to pedicures, manicures and sports massage, with some guests enjoying their first experience of yoga and meditation. All this was topped off with a delicious high tea as carers relaxed and enjoyed the opportunity to catch up.



*Photo left: High Tea to celebrate Foster and Kinship Care Week*



## ▲ BANQUET FUNDRAISER SUCCESS

On Friday 3 November we held our annual Cathedral Banquet at St Peter's Cathedral. This year's event was our biggest and most successful to date thanks to the generosity of our guests, sponsors, staff and volunteers.

More than \$180,000 was raised for our Emergency Assistance programs through ticket sales, live and silent auctions, a sparkling wine wall and a raffle.

The Cathedral provided a stunning setting for the event's nearly 300 guests. Thank you to everyone who was involved in making the Cathedral Banquet such an outstanding success.



## AMAZING ANGLICARERS AWARDED

In August we recognised and celebrated the outstanding work of our employees, volunteers and foster carers before an audience of special guests at our annual AnglicareSA Awards ceremony at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre.

The awards recognise and reward excellence in service, achievement and innovation by employees, teams, programs, volunteers, volunteer teams and foster carers over the past 12 months.

We are extremely proud of the great work that our Anglicarers do each and every day, and the awards are an opportunity to highlight and recognise a few exceptional individuals and teams.

This year we had more than 60 very deserving nominations from across the organisation, making judging the awards a very difficult task for the Executive judging panel.

As always the stories about the winners were inspiring and described the great work AnglicareSA does in the community.

Congratulations to all of our award recipients and finalists.



Foster Carers Chris and Karen Saunders, winners of the High Recognition Foster Care Award



Winners of the Corporate Award – David Marsland, James Norman, Amy Kelly, Debbie Sharman, Paige Mower, Gino Bria

## NATIONAL AWARD FOR ANNA

Our heartiest congratulations and thanks go to Anna Lattas, winner of the Anglicare Australia Volunteer of the Year Award.

Anna Lattas has been volunteering at the Daphne Street Child Care Centre in Prospect for more than 35 years. She has been there so long that she has seen past children grow up and return with children of their own.

“That is a really special feeling,” Anna said. “It’s just wonderful.”

Assistant Manager Donna Turner said Anna was a big asset to the team.

“She puts out beds in the toddler room, helps out with the laundry and engages with the babies in the baby room,” Ms Turner says. “Anna is part of the furniture here.”

Anna’s commitment to Daphne Street is unwavering. At one time she continued to volunteer even though she had to catch three buses to get to work in the morning.

Daphne Street Child Care Centre provides day care with quality education programs for around 70 children per day.



Anna Lattas, Anglicare Australia Volunteer of the Year

## CHILD & YOUTH EXPO



The Child and Youth Disability Expo held in October at Priceline Stadium in Mile End featured over 125 exhibitors and showcased products and services available for children and young people living with a disability.

The event was well attended by the community, and staff at the AnglicareSA stall enjoyed chatting to attendees and giving away goody bags.

AnglicareSA Speech Pathologist Megan Longbottom said the expo was a great opportunity for families, carers and individuals to see and discuss the range of equipment and services available.

*Photo: AnglicareSA's Emily Korir and Renae Kovacevic with Kelly Vincent MP (centre)*

## LIFE AFTER HOLDEN

October saw the last Holden roll off the production line in Elizabeth. The closure of the Holden factory was a significant loss for Adelaide's northern community to endure.

Through the difficult times, there have been tales of success. Adris Salih worked at Holden for 28 years, and even met his wife on its factory floor. After hearing of Holden's imminent closure, and after much deliberation, Adris retrained as an aged care worker with AnglicareSA.

Today Adris enjoys working with our home care clients in the north and has proven to be a very popular and valued member of our team.

In the lead-up to Holden's closure, Adris has been a strong advocate for retraining, a great ambassador for our aged care program and a surprise media star – appearing on The Project and Channel Seven news to talk about his experience.

While 84 per cent of Holden workers have now moved on to new employment, study or retirement, there is still more to do.

We are committed to supporting workers in their life after Holden, either through employment and retraining opportunities or through our emergency assistance programs.



*Aged care worker Adris Salih with 60 Minutes reporter Ross Coulthard*

## TRIBUTE TO LUCY



In late August we received the terrible news about the passing of Lucy Paveley while on her way to work. Lucy was a much loved and valued member of the AnglicareSA Elizabeth Dutton Court team, where she worked as an aged care worker since 2013.

Following her passing we witnessed a huge outpouring of support for Lucy's family from AnglicareSA staff, our aged care residents and their families – and more widely from members of the general public.

This is a beautiful family that has been overwhelmed by the support people have shown in the darkest time of their lives.

It was heart-warming to see that in face of such a sad and senseless tragedy people rallied together to direct their energy in the form of love and support to Lucy's husband Jamie and their children.



## ▲ GETTING BACK TO NATURE

At our Daphne Street Child Care Centre in Prospect, there was much excitement at the unveiling of a brand new outdoor play space. The nature based play area replaces the centre's old plastic equipment, encouraging the children to get outdoors and enjoy nature.

Centre Manager Brooke Spencer said the playground would help children learn to take risks through play.

"Kids don't go outside to play at places like the local creek like they used to," she said.

"There's a sector wide move in children's play to get rid of artificial play equipment and replace it with more natural play spaces."

The play area incorporates a dry creek bed that runs through the space, with a blue stone boundary and surrounding shrubs.

There's also a balancing log and tepee with jasmine that will grow up and over it. A mud kitchen and timer tap will encourage the kids to make the most of water play while also being water wise.

Half a dozen trees have been strategically placed to grow and provide shade and seating has been built around the trunk of an existing large shady tree.

The children love and are thriving in their new play area.

*Photo: Nature play at Daphne Street Child Care Centre*

## ▲ JUNIOR ABORIGINAL FOOTBALL CARNIVAL

AnglicareSA were proud sponsors of the inaugural South Australian Aboriginal Junior Football Carnival, as part of our Reconciliation Action Plan commitment.

The carnival saw 13 teams participate from across SA, including communities such as Koonibba Football Club, Raukkan, Narungga and Kauran, and metropolitan teams the Pelicans, Northern Inga Lingas, Wiltja, Windsor Gardens Warriors and Tinyarra.

More than 250 boys competed in front of a crowd of more than 1000 across the weekend.

The carnival focused not only on football but on community inclusiveness and wellbeing. With an Elders tent, Elders and Officials luncheon, information stalls, sporting apparel for purchase and children's activities, the carnival provided fun and interest for everyone.



*Competitors in the inaugural SA Aboriginal Junior Football Carnival*

## ▲ A VALUABLE COFFEE BREAK

AnglicareSA partnered with OTR in September to raise funds to support people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

The week-long campaign encouraged South Australians to “take a coffee break” at OTR to raise much needed funds for our emergency assistance homelessness services.

OTR donated \$1 to AnglicareSA for every hot beverage purchase made via the OTR App.

We are proud to announce that Coffee Break raised \$37,814.

A huge thank you to OTR and to everyone who bought a cup of coffee via the OTR App during this period.

The money raised will be well used. It will provide meals, clothing, vital medication and blankets in winter to those in need in SA.

AnglicareSA CEO Peter Sandeman said that this money will make a big difference. “Homelessness is a major driver of the work that AnglicareSA does across its services and programs,” said Peter.

“It’s a growing problem in Adelaide where we have seen a 44 percent increase in the number of people sleeping rough in the past year alone.”

OTR Chief Operating Officer Peter Piliouras said the Coffee Break initiative gave everyone the opportunity to support the vital work of AnglicareSA.

“The homelessness services provided by AnglicareSA are relied on by thousands of South Australians,” said Mr Piliouras.

“It is important to OTR that we support our community and encourage others to do the same.”



## ▲ ANGEL DAY

Our Anglican schools provide invaluable support to AnglicareSA, especially our Emergency Assistance services across Adelaide, with many schools donating food or clothing items for those in need.

Each year one primary school is selected to be an ambassador for AnglicareSA services through our 'Angel Day' program. The main role of the AnglicareSA Angel school is to assist us in our much-needed fundraising efforts.

Our Angel Day school for 2017 was Pedare Christian College. During the course of the year, Pedare went above and beyond in their Angel Day efforts with student-led activities including:

- A Multimedia Interactive Artwork Exhibition by talented student and up-and-coming artist Shea Stringer, with all funds raised supporting AnglicareSA's Elizabeth Mission
- SCEANIE Day (wearing scarves and beanies) where students collected funds to purchase winter warmers
- City to Bay Fun Run - the students trained throughout the year to participate in the 12km event, helping to raise funds for Star Bear

- Build A Bike – at their Staff Development Day Pedare staff built 20 bikes which were donated to children in need across our CALD community, Emergency Assistance, Foster Care and Loss and Grief programs.

We are excited about working with Pulteney Grammar School, our Angel Day school for 2018.



*Students from Pedare Christian College pass on angels to Pulteney Grammar School students at Handover Day*

## ▲ HELP US BRING HOPE TO FAMILIES IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS

As Christmas approaches we ask that you remember AnglicareSA in your holiday plans.

When planning your Christmas shopping please consider setting aside a part of your budget to support the work of AnglicareSA with a tax-deductible charitable donation.

AnglicareSA provides a number of greatly needed services in the community during the Christmas period including food hampers, toiletries, nutritious meals, clothing and Christmas treats, as well as short term emergency accommodation. Last year we provided support to more than 1,300 people with nowhere else to turn. This included providing 950 Christmas hampers to people like Michael and his mum.

The demand on our services continues to grow. Sadly, every week AnglicareSA turns away more than 100 people from our emergency assistance services because we simply don't have the resources to help them.

The past 12 months has seen an increase of 44% in the number of people sleeping rough in the Adelaide CBD alone.

The need is real and it is growing. AnglicareSA is reliant on charitable donations in order to continue to provide these services. Your generosity will have a positive impact on people in need.

Every gift counts, so please won't you join us in our efforts to make a real difference for those who need it?

## ▲ A MESSAGE FROM KAREN

During the controlled chaos of Christmas Hamper distribution at our Magdalene Centre in Adelaide's CBD last December, I noticed a young boy looking at the gift shelves containing toiletries donated by community members.

"I wish I could give Mum a present this Christmas," Michael said quietly. "Mum doesn't have any money, so I can't get any pocket money to save up and buy her a gift."

With tears in his eyes he added, "I really want to give Mum something nice because she does everything for me. Sometimes she gives me her dinner so that I can have more to eat."

Michael then looked up at me and shyly said, "I wish I could give Mum that," pointing at a beautiful bottle of bath salts.

Later that morning, Michael left the Magdalene Centre with the bath salts hidden in his jumper so his Mum couldn't see. Little did he know, his Mum had secretly picked out a gift for him too. She had also selected food items for them to enjoy on Christmas Day.

Michael is one of the many children who dread the Christmas season because their families cannot buy Christmas food, treats, presents, decorations or new clothing. That's why our AnglicareSA Emergency Assistance Centres need your help to stock shelves with Christmas hamper items for South Australians in need.

Please donate to our Christmas Appeal this year to help families like Michael's enjoy a meal and the experience of gift giving on Christmas Day.

Thank you for your support.

Karen (Manager, Emergency Assistance and Community Support at AnglicareSA)



“I wish I could give Mum a present this Christmas”

**\$1000**

provides 250 families with fresh fruits and vegetables for three months via AnglicareSA's Magdalene Centre

**\$500**

supports short term emergency accommodation for families living in crisis

**\$250**

allows us to buy clothing, shoes and bedding for five people in need

**\$100**

could help sustain two vulnerable and needy families over a few days by providing them with food

**\$50**

provides a family with a nutritious Christmas lunch and a gift hamper from the Elizabeth Mission

**\$20**

provides a child like Michael with a Christmas present and puts a smile on their face at Christmas

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In South Australia, the State Government has no obligation to support young care leavers beyond the age of 18. With interrupted schooling and care arrangements throughout their childhood, many care leavers exit with limited independent living skills into poverty and experiences of homelessness, crime and substance misuse.

Youth Footprints includes mentoring, education, employment opportunities and community connections to help young people successfully transition out of care.

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