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Where do I start?

So much has happened since I farewelled William Carey Christian School earlier this year, and what a send-off! A huge thankyou to all who have been so supportive and encouraging towards our vision, one that has been planted into the hearts of Mike and I. Some days I still can't believe it's really happening though this mission was planned long ago.



Our local community has also embraced it and we are seeing plenty of smiles on the faces of our visitors and words of encouragement and acts of support from local business and the community at large.

We have been blessed

with an amazing army of volunteers who come with a wide variety of skills and commitment and enthusiasm. They are truly valued and cherished.

TPCC provides the following services :

Drop in space:

Feel like getting out of the house? Be welcomed and chat with friendly volunteers over coffee and a bite to eat on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays 10am-2pm

Referral:

Connecting you with a specific service that can meet your needs such as mental health (depression & anxiety), relationship breakdown, grief & loss, debt, domestic violence, employment, legal issues, addiction and homelessness

Chaplaincy:

Providing spiritual support and a safe space to talk

Computer available with free internet access:

No computer at home? Available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10am - 2pm

Crisis food:

Providing pantry support and access to fresh fruit and vegetables. Appointment only for details

Advocacy:

Supporting you while making difficult telephone calls or appointments



Women's support network:

A safe space to hear about women's support services in the area, to be supported through whatever challenges you are facing and spend time with an amazing group of female volunteers for a chat, laugh and craft. Thursdays 10am-2pm

Clothing:

Pre-loved items for men and women, for those needing an outfit for a job interview, court appearance or casual

clothing for everyday wear (coin donation)

Outreach Food Program :

Support to local social housing in Camden by providing bread and bread products through the generosity of local businesses.

Computer Training Program:

Currently running a 6 week basic computer training course. One hour lessons covering Microsoft Word, emails and internet. We are filling a gap for a large part of the community who have limited knowledge of technology and who need to use a computer to access information regarding Centrelink Benefits. Also beneficial for those who are a little rusty and need a refresher? Currently seeking a second trainer to cater for another 8 students.





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Volunteers :

15 volunteers who offer a minimum of 2 hours per week. Their roles are in administration, cleaning, cooking, community connecting, program co-ordination, prayer warriors plus being a huge support to Mike and me.

Thankyou

To the local community who have generously donated clothing, pantry food and goods from their own businesses to provide fresh bread, fruit and vegetables. Also for the generous donations of craft supplies and furnishings.



Memorable moments :

The wedding of two of our community members that was shared with the

Turning Point community with a party at the Centre followed by the wedding.

Two new lives began as one that day after an already very long journey together.

Second chances for those who want to leave their old lives behind.

Witnessing sheer contentment of being surrounded by friends who are happy to see you every week.

Standing in the background and watching what was only a vision a few years ago become a reality!

Prayer Points :

Provision of ongoing crisis pantry food.

Protection over the premises.

Health and safety of staff and community visitors.

Wisdom in decision making.

Praise Points:

The commitment and enthusiasm of volunteers. The positive feedback from the local community.

Provision of finances and material items to date. The blessing and privilege for the opportunity to speak goodness into peoples lives



We Need Your Support

So how can you help?

By donations of:

Non-perishable food for the pantry

Disposable plastic containers for take-away meals

Stationary items eg. photocopy paper, manilla folders, pens and laminate sheets

Monetary donations towards the purchase of another two laptop computers.

Food for the ongoing breakfast program and light lunches available 3 days per week.

Donations can be made in person, via EFT or directly to:

Macarthur Credit Union

Account Name:

Turning Point Community Connections

BSB 802-388

S1 Account

100069413

Contact Davina on:

0416 579 282 or email turningpointcamden@gmail.com to arrange a time to drop off any donations.