



Volunteer Home Visitor

Volunteer Role Title	Volunteer Home Visitor (Rosalie Rendu program)
Location	The Macquarie Fields area
Service Overview	Rosalie Rendu is a home visitation program visiting disadvantaged families, the sick, aged, and isolated people in their own homes, to provide a hand of friendship and support.
Why we need you	This is a volunteer supported program where volunteers demonstrate care and friendship in the form of an informal visit to people who are in need. Volunteers focus on encouraging family's strengths as well as providing support with community information, for example, referral services.
What will you be doing	Volunteers visit in pairs in a structured program where they are well trained and professionally supervised.
What you need to help	To be successful in this program, it is essential that volunteers have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An awareness of marginalised persons living on low incomes within a Department of Housing Estate. • Genuine care and concern for others. • Kind, gentle approach, willing to listen to others and demonstrate empathy. • The ability to actually "be with" another person as they share their life experience. • Completion of a satisfactory Working with Children Check.
How much time will you spend	To make a meaningful contribution in this program, extensive training is required. As such, volunteers are required to commit to at least 6 months engagement. <p>How the program works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial training including orientation is provided by program coordinator. • Actual visit is conducted in pairs for approximately 1 hour. • Following the visit, a debrief session is required with the program coordinator approximately 30-40 minutes. <p>You are therefore required to be available for at least 3 hours per week (including travel time) for 6 months.</p>
How we will help you	All volunteers are supported in the following ways: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Training in all aspects of home visiting as well as program orientation. b. Invitation to attend as well as participate in peer support days. c. Ongoing professional support from program coordinator.
Who will help you	Volunteers are well supported by the visiting team as well as the visiting partner. Additionally, relevant program information and professional support is provided by the

	program coordinator.
How to register	To express an interest in this role, please contact the program coordinator. Email: gai@svdpwgong.org.au or Telephone: (02) 96051000, M: 0438-242-665 Mon - Fri 8:00am – 4:00pm
What you will get from the experience	Vinnies volunteers benefit in a range of ways including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaining new experience volunteering in a friendly supportive environment. • Achieving a sense of “Giving” to the community. • Becoming a member of a select group of people engaging in the service to others. • Developing friendship with likeminded people.
Start Date	Entry into the program is open but subject to successful recruitment and training.