

# WELCOME TO VINNIES



WHEN YOU CARE, LIVES ARE CHANGED

# THANK YOU

**Welcome to the St Vincent de Paul Society, also known to many in our community as Vinnies. We thank you for your most generous support and commitment to our vital work.**

We have more than 3,700 incredibly dedicated members and volunteers and each year we help over 50,000 Western Australians. With your continuous generosity, Vinnies can assist people less fortunate with love, respect, and hope as we seek to shape a more just and compassionate society.

Our ability to fulfil our mission and vision could not be achieved without Western Australians – like you – who strongly believe in our work and purpose.

We are grateful for your warmth, kindness and support.



**Gladys Demissie**  
Western Australian State President



**100+**  
locations state-wide



**3,700+**  
members and volunteers...  
and growing



**50,000+**

Western Australians given emergency relief assistance each year (including food, furniture, clothing, financial assistance)

**WHEN TIMES ARE HARD,  
WE ARE HERE**

# YOUR GENEROSITY

**Thanks to the kindness and support of the community, Vinnies is able to provide a range of specialised programs and services to assist people in need in Western Australia.**

## EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Vinnies continues to see the impact of increased living costs and lack of affordable housing. Volunteers assist people experiencing hardship by providing support with basic necessities such as food, clothing, household items, utility bills and rental assistance and offer referrals and friendship through home visitations or by attendance at one of our support centres. This help is essential in relieving stress for households who are forced to choose between keeping a roof over their head, pay an important bill or put food on the table.

## FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

Vinnies provides free and confidential financial counselling for people experiencing financial stress. Our one-on-one financial counselling service enables us to work intensively to assist people to deal with their immediate crisis and, more importantly, to transition them out of the poverty cycle. We strive to help individuals better understand and manage their funds, and thereby build their own capacity to avert crises and reduce stress.

Vinnies now runs the National Debt Helpline to address the needs of people suffering financial hardship in Australia. People from all over Australia can call the 1800 007 007 number which operates as a 'switch through' facility, so that callers are directed to a local service within their State or Territory.

## REFUGEE AND MIGRANT SUPPORT

Vinnies assists recently arrived individuals and families with settling into their new home. We provide outings and events for people to socialise within a supportive environment, referrals to other agencies and help accessing financial assistance, food and furniture.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

Each year Vinnies run six camps for children and teenagers experiencing hardship. Our camps provide a safe and encouraging environment for young people to participate in a variety of fun activities, learn life skills, develop self-esteem and form friendships. Camps also provide respite for families and carers who may be under a considerable amount of stress.



## HOMELESSNESS SERVICES

Our low threshold and change approach removes as many barriers as possible to accessibility for the most vulnerable people in the community.

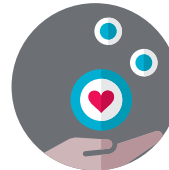
Passages Youth Engagement Hubs in Perth and Peel provide marginalised and at risk young people with a safe and positive place to access support services. We offer practical assistance such as food, clothing, bathroom and laundry facilities and computer access. By ensuring basic needs are met, it allows us to build relationships with young people to assist them to further address their complex issues. We provide individualised and therapeutic support to manage their crisis, develop life skills and access other support services to prevent further crisis and help provide a pathway out of homelessness.

Tom Fisher House is an intensive intervention service for people experiencing long term homelessness who may also have complex needs. It provides free overnight accommodation and a place of engagement in which an individual's life impacting issues can be identified and supported in partnership with our staff and where able, in collaboration with other agencies.



**38,300**

Calls to Vinnies for  
Emergency Assistance



**10,000+**

financial counselling  
sessions per year



**4,855**

total number of visits to  
Passages Perth and Peel



**19,345**

accommodation nights for people  
experiencing mental health support

## HOUSING SERVICE

Vinnies provides affordable transitional and crisis accommodation to people experiencing homelessness as a result of domestic violence, mental illness and/or poverty. The service helps people build strong connections with the community, maintain employment, undertake education and seek long term, stable accommodation.

## MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Vinnies provides a recovery focused supported accommodation service for adults with a persistent and enduring mental health diagnosis who may otherwise be at risk of homelessness. We work with the people to help build individual life skills, set and reach their goals, make informed choices about their recovery journey and reconnect with family and the community, whilst building their capacity and confidence.

## DISTRIBUTION CENTRE

Located in Canning Vale, it is the main receipt and distribution point for material donations. Donations are used for emergency relief or as retail sale items in Vinnies shops.

## VINNIES SHOPS

We operate over 50 shops across WA. Our shops are pivotal in providing support to people who are doing it tough. Profits from the sale of goods help fund important support services for the local community.



**3,496**

accommodation nights provided at  
Tom Fisher House for people  
experiencing homelessness



**14,840**

hours provided supporting people  
living with mental illness



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# WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**We are truly thankful for the generous support we receive.  
There are many ways you can support Vinnies:**

## **SIGN UP TO RECEIVE OUR APPEALS**

Receiving our appeals is a good way to keep you up to date with urgent requests for funding of our specialised services and programs.

Vinnies launches four appeals a year – Christmas, Autumn Spirit, Winter and Spring Spirit and two Passages appeals – June and December.

Sign up to receive our appeals by contacting our Donor Relations Coordinator on 08 6323 7500 or email [donations@svdpwa.org.au](mailto:donations@svdpwa.org.au).

## **LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL**

A bequest to Vinnies will make lasting positive change. It is a powerful reflection of the values and principles you treasure. It enables you to create a legacy of love and care for people who most need assistance and it will continue your life's aim beyond your own lifetime. When you leave a bequest, you are ensuring that we will be able to meet the needs of people in Western Australia now, and into the future.

To find out more or to advise us if you have left a gift in your Will, please contact our Planned Giving Coordinator on 08 6323 7500 or email [bequests@svdpwa.org.au](mailto:bequests@svdpwa.org.au).



## JOIN VINNIES VISIONARIES

Vinnies Visionaries is our regular giving program. Donating on a monthly basis is a meaningful and sustainable way to support our vital services and programs.

Find out more or sign up by contacting us on 08 6323 7500 or email [donations@svdpwa.org.au](mailto:donations@svdpwa.org.au).

## BECOME A VOLUNTEER

A great way to make a difference in our community by putting your skills to good use, meet fantastic people along the way and gain valuable experience in a supportive and caring environment. As a volunteer, you become an integral part of our organisation.

For more information, phone 08 6323 7500 or email [volunteer@svdpwa.org.au](mailto:volunteer@svdpwa.org.au).



**1,100,000**

hours volunteered across  
Vinnies services

## GET INVOLVED THROUGH YOUR SCHOOL

Make an impact in your community and start a Vinnies group at your school. Primary school groups are called Mini Vinnies while secondary students can get involved in a High School Conference. Groups meet regularly to discuss ideas to help people less fortunate through advocacy, volunteering and fundraising for Vinnies.

For more information, contact us by phone 08 6323 7500 or email [schools@svdpwa.org.au](mailto:schools@svdpwa.org.au).

## BECOME A MEMBER

Members are passionate about helping people in need in their local area. They provide practical assistance to address the immediate needs of people in their community such as emergency assistance and personalised support. They meet regularly to share their experiences, reflect on their service and monitor and discuss local needs. Members walk alongside and empower people who are experiencing disadvantage.

If you would like to change lives in your community and are interested in joining please call 08 6323 7500 or email [member@svdpwa.org.au](mailto:member@svdpwa.org.au).

**“IT IS ONLY THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF OUR DONORS THAT  
OUR MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF CAN CONTINUE TO  
OFFER THE RIGHT SUPPORT AT THE RIGHT TIME.”**

## **PUT THE ‘FUN’ IN FUNDRAISING**

Want to get creative with supporting Western Australians in need? Why not choose to fundraise for Vinnies. You can do so by requesting donations in lieu of gifts on your special day; host a community fundraising event in your workplace, school or community; or choose to fundraise for Vinnies when participating in a community fun run.

For more information about how you can put the ‘fun’ in fundraising, please phone 08 6323 7500 or email [fundraising@svdpwa.org.au](mailto:fundraising@svdpwa.org.au).

## **CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS**

Developing and nurturing strong links with the corporate and philanthropic sectors allow us to continue making positive changes in the lives of people we help. Vinnies seeks to engage all partners in long-term strategic and mutually beneficial relationships.

To find out more call 08 6323 7500 or email [partnerships@svdpwa.org.au](mailto:partnerships@svdpwa.org.au).

## **SECOND HAND ISN'T SECOND BEST**

Why give into fast fashion when Vinnies shops cater to all your fashion needs? Shop at your local Vinnies shop and proceeds will go towards assisting over 50,000 Western Australians in need each year.

Find your nearest shop at **[vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au)**.

You can also donate your pre-loved clothing, household goods and furniture at our State Distribution Centre in Canning Vale, at your local Vinnies shop, clothing bin or phone 08 6323 7520 to arrange a free pick up of larger items.



**50+**

Vinnies  
retail shops



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