



PEOPLE

Still the Focus After 25 Years

For the team at HOPE STREET – Urban Compassion every day brings a multitude of competing priorities and concerns. Reshuffling the volunteer roster, scanning through emails, or trudging through report writing can be distracting. Through all this we constantly keep our central focus on the people we work with. Those who call our three locations home are the most marginalized and disadvantaged of the city, so the needs are endless. It is in walking alongside these people and in sharing their journey that we offer our greatest gift.

Over the past 25 years HopeStreet has grown in response to the many needs. There are now congregations in Woolloomooloo, Glebe, and Darlinghurst, as well as welcoming community spaces

encompassing a broad range of projects that address homelessness, unemployment, addictions, and poverty in all its guises. While the programs have certainly expanded and developed over the last 25 years, at the core of who we are and what we value remains a desire to walk alongside people.

In his book *The Christian Vision*, John Powell observes that, 'so many people go unnoticed and unappreciated because no one has ever taken time with them and admired their uniqueness.' Herein lies the key to developing deep relationships that lead to lasting change in people's lives. That of course is the ability to make time for people. Amongst all the noise that each day brings, the staff and volunteers at HopeStreet focus on spending quality time with people, noticing those who so often go unnoticed, hearing their unique story, and thereby beginning the restoration of the person they were created to be.

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Homeless persons program

- Long-term semi-supported accommodation
- Support and assistance for homeless people

Employment training program

- Cleaning service
- Job placement

Community development

- Direct benevolent assistance and food relief
- Op shops, drops-ins and community centres
- Aboriginal community work

Safe House for women sex workers

- Outreach, drop-in, and support

Inner city gambling counselling

- Individual counselling, support groups
- Deaf and NESB access

Church planting

- Glebe Community Church
- Relationship and individual counselling
- Woolloomooloo Baptist Fellowship
- Street Breakfast
- 2010 church plant

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For some people the friendship that develops with one of the HopeStreet staff or volunteers may inspire a new determination to tackle the deeper issues on life. Past hurts or disappointments may need to be replaced with a new focus on strengths and opportunities. Inch by inch people are encouraged to take steps that will help them discover fullness of life.

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One thing is certain though, achieving this focus on people is only made possible through the dedication and commitment of staff and volunteers who are prepared to lay down their lives to serve others. We are truly thankful for each person who hears this call and steps up to play their part in bringing hope to the inner city.

This June is a special time of celebration for the many friends of HopeStreet. 2008 marks 25 years since the Baptist Churches of NSW & ACT began this significant initiative. Please join with us as we celebrate around this year's art exhibition theme of 'Hope On The Streets'. The exhibition will be showing from June 13th to 22nd, with a business luncheon on the 13th and a reception on June 19th. The celebrations will also be spilling over to Glebe Community Church on 15th June, and Woolloomooloo Baptist Fellowship on 22nd June. Please don't miss this opportunity to give thanks for the many people that have been impacted in this journey of bringing justice, compassion, and hope to the inner city.

Colin Scott (Rev.)
Director



HopeStreet 25 Year Anniversary Celebration Calendar

12 June	Art Exhibition opening (Artists only night)
13-22 June	"Hope on the Streets" Art Exhibition
13 June	Celebration Business Lunch
15 June	Glebe Celebration Service – 10.30 am Cnr St John's Rd and Colbourne Ave Glebe
19 June	Celebration Reception - 6pm 182 Campbell St, Darlinghurst
22 June	Woolloomooloo Celebration Service – 10am Tom Uren Square

Please go to www.hopestreet.org.au for further details, or call 9358 2388 to book tickets to the Business Luncheon or the Celebration Reception.

CURRENT NEEDS *at HopeStreet*

- The Woolloomooloo Sewing group is on the lookout for 3 pre-loved sewing machines and an over-locker.
- Due to recent thefts two of our projects are once again requiring a digital camera that will assist in capturing ongoing events and reporting on project outcomes. If you have recently upgraded and would like to put the old one to good use please let us know.
- The Women's Space is in need of a DVD player as the existing machine is broken.
- A binding machine is required for our Employment Training Program to provide a more professional presentation for the cleaning service. Needs to be in good working order.

- Fresh contributions to our benevolence cupboard are required as we enter these colder months of the year.
- We are seeking a volunteer who can assist with ongoing computer and IT maintenance.

Please contact Brendan Wood on support@hopestreet.org.au or (02) 9358 2388 if you are able to assist with any of these needs.

Thank you to our good friends at Penrith for the fantastic new BBQ, and at Glenbrook for the provision of new Bibles for the Woolloomooloo Baptist Fellowship. Your kind response to these identified needs was enormously appreciated.

6TH ANNUAL FUN RUN & WALK

Sunday 3rd August

Each year on the Sunday before the City 2 Surf HopeStreet brings together supporters, volunteers, and locals for a fun morning of exercise and enjoyment. This year the HopeStreet Fun Run & Walk will be held on Sunday 3rd August, starting at Glebe and finishing with a celebration at Woolloomooloo.

Participants can choose whether they walk or run, and whether they pick off the easy 5km, or take on the longer 15km. The finish line celebrations include a BBQ, drinks, ice-creams, a jazz band, and awards presentation.

Entry forms and details on how to set-up your own fundraising page with EveryDay Hero will be available at www.hopestreet.org.au from mid-June.

This year's event is proudly supported by our partner Charity First Home Loans.

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LOCAL EYES PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

United Way Sydney

During late 2007 and early 2008 three people connected with HopeStreet's work in Woolloomooloo, Glebe, and Darlinghurst were involved in a photographic course and exhibition. The Local Eyes project was an initiative of United Way Sydney, one of HopeStreet's valued partners. Each of the participants was provided with training in taking digital photos, and were given the use of a camera to capture images that represented their perspective of Sydney. The favourites were all brought together to help the wider community understand some of the challenges of local people in the inner city. John, Todd and Dunia reflect on HopeStreet and their participation in Local Eyes...

John

John has experienced various periods of homelessness over the past 7 years. He has been a resident at HopeStreet's 'The Terrace' for the past 12 months, where he has found a stable home environment. "I've never had a camera before and I don't have any photos of my family. I've had a lot of addictions - heroin, ice and gambling. I was really in a bad way and last year nearly died. Now I am working through it. I know what I have to do. Taking the photos gets your mind off things and makes you feel like you are doing something creative. I'm just happy for a second chance at life."



Todd

"I came to HopeStreet 2 years ago to do my 400 hours of corrective community service. I then continued with HopeStreet as a volunteer working in the Op shop and Cafe. HopeStreet has always believed in me. I have given up drugs and have a dream to one day be a teacher working with special needs kids just like me. I am looking forward to doing my TAFE certificate next year. I am really grateful for the opportunity to be part of Local Eyes."



Dunia

Dunia moved from Western Australia in 2000, seeking a new environment and better employment opportunities. Due to ill health she has been unable to work for the past few years and moved to Glebe after being offered a home by the Department of Housing. Dunia says connecting with the community and meeting new people is a significant challenge for someone who lives on their own and doesn't know many people. After visiting HopeStreet she discovered that their café and other community services, including weekly art classes, were a great place to meet new people and feel part of the community. Whilst initially hesitant about living in Glebe, she now loves it.



THANK YOU *From Everyone at HopeStreet*

With our many wonderful supporters assisting us in so many ways there are always countless people to thank, and too many to go through them all. A few that we want to highlight include the corporate impact day teams from NAB and MLC who did a terrific job sprucing up two of our premises.

We also want to convey our heartfelt thanks to the crew from Ride To The Top 2008 who cycled all the way from Sydney to Mt Kosiosko in support of HopeStreet. Finally, we thank the Taronga Mobile Zoo that came to Woolloomooloo over the April school holidays. This was made possible through Helen Dwyer at the St. George Foundation.



COMING UP AT HOPESTREET

- MAY
18th – Urban Orientation
- JUNE
12th to 22nd – 25th Anniversary Celebrations
12th – Artist's Night
13th – Business Luncheon
15th – Glebe Celebration
19th – Annual Celebration Reception
22nd – Woolloomooloo Celebration
29th – Urban Orientation
- JULY
20th – Urban Orientation
- AUGUST
3rd – Annual Fun Run & Walk
17th – Urban Orientation

Please call 9358 2388 or visit www.hopestreet.org.au for more details about these events.



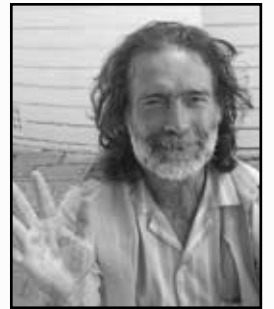
HOPESTREET *Winter Appeal*

Life on Sydney's streets is tough during winter for those who have nowhere to call home. For 25 years HopeStreet has worked on the streets and at the grassroots to address poverty, destitution and homelessness. HopeStreet needs your support to continue this vital work.

Focused where the needs are greatest, HopeStreet works alongside people to create opportunities and empower individuals and communities to better care for themselves. Help us bring hope to people living on the streets this winter.

Your tax-deductible donation will help people break the cycle of homelessness and support families in need.

Please give generously to make a difference to people who need it most this winter.



I want to offer hope this Winter

Name Rev/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr.....

Address.....

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Daytime Phone Number.....

Email.....

1. I authorise HopeStreet Urban Compassion to automatically debit my charge card every Month Quarter for the amount shown, until I revoke this authority in writing to HOPESTREET - Urban Compassion

OR

2. Please debit my charge card with a one-off payment for the amount shown.

OR

3. Please find a cheque or money order made out to HOPESTREET - Urban Compassion enclosed for the amount shown.

DONATIONS OF \$2 AND OVER ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Please send this completed coupon to HopeStreet 91 Forbes Street Woolloomooloo NSW 2011 or fax to (02) 9358 4128. To be taken off or added to the HopeStreet News mailing list please email support@hopestreet.org.au or call (02) 9358 2388.

A. General Donation to where most needed \$.....

B. Back Shed Cafe \$35

C. Woolloomooloo Street Breakfast \$90

D. Cleaners With A Mission \$125

E. Women's Space \$250

F. The Terrace Homeless Accommodation Service \$490

Total of pledges A through to F - \$.....

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