

THE FOUNDATIONS PROJECT



WE ARE FACING UNPRECEDENTED LEVELS OF YOUTH HOMELESSNESS IN THE BAROSSA. THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY ARE IN NEED OF YOUR HELP.

We knew of at least 44 children that were homeless in the Barossa prior to the pandemic. This number has now increased significantly, with children as young as 8 presenting as homeless to Centacare. With COVID, people across the country are being told to stay home. For young people who do not have a safe and secure place to call home, this is easier said than done.

With no youth shelter in the Barossa we are seeing a worrying increase in the number of children sleeping rough and in cars during this cold winter

There is a misconception that young people experience homelessness by choice, but the reality is often very different. The issues are vast and complex. For at-risk young people their lives have become emotionally and often physically unbearable. Their home life may be burdened by the disadvantage of poverty, neglect, abuse, unemployment, substance abuse, health complications, disability and mental illness.

Foundation Barossa are partnering with Kids Under Cover & Centacare Youth Homelessness in the Barossa on a solution.

Kids under Cover runs an innovative, evidence-based studio program, which provides secure and stable accommodation for young people at risk of homelessness. They build relocatable one- and two-bedroom (with bathroom) studios that are installed in the backyard of the family or carer's home. The extra space relieves overcrowding, eases tensions and provides young people with a secure and stable place, giving at risk young people the room to recover and develop. This is an intervention that will finally work towards a permanent solution to the increasing levels of youth homelessness in the Barossa.

Centacare provides case management, early intervention, outreach, post-crisis and wait-list support to young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in the Barossa.

WE NEED TO RAISE \$100,000

This will allow us to build our first studio in the Barossa which is an important step in this journey. With your donation you will be ensuring 4 Barossa kids are prevented from becoming homeless and also provide seed funding for a long term, self-sustainable fund to ensure a simple but effective approach to the long-term prevention of youth homelessness with the purchase of further studios. Foundation Barossa will work with these young people to provide education scholarships so they can continue their studies and achieve their goals

We have a real opportunity to make a difference to the lives of these children.

We are looking to 100 people in the Barossa to crowd fund for The Foundations Project, with tax deductible donations of \$1,000 each. This appeal starts the transformational process of ensuring no young person should have to experience homelessness in the Barossa

We would like to personally invite you to be part of this important initiative and help some of the most vulnerable in our community.

A heartfelt thank you.

To Donate:

Please either make a donation via the fundraising platform: <https://the-foundations-project.raisely.com/>

OR:

EFT Payments can be made to:

Barossa Region Community Foundation Inc

BSB: 105-024

Account: 034 847 640

Reference: **TFP** and your name

Please provide remittance advice to info@foundationbarossa.org.au and we will send you your tax receipt



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