



Formerly Centacare Catholic Family Services



Your Bequest to CatholicCare Will Change Lives

An Invitation to Go 'Above and Beyond' and
Help Bring Life to the Full for Future Generations

Strengthening families and communities

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Anne's Story

A Gift of Family Resilience

"When my son was living in squalor with other addicted people, wandering the streets and then going to jail, I felt quite despairing.

Fortunately for me and my son, we came across CatholicCare's Alcohol and Other Drug Family Service at the St Mary of the Cross Centre. Through counselling, my relationship with my son grew. One of the critical times was when he asked me to help him yet again. I had to tell him 'I love you and care about you - but I can't do this any more'. He says that was quite significant in persuading him to turn his life around.

Two years later, my life is so much happier now; my son is doing much better. He has a great job working outdoors, which he loves. He's off drugs entirely.

Now I work with other families going through a similar journey - and now I can help them as well - because of what I've been through. The support, counselling and group work I did at CatholicCare's St Mary of the Cross Centre helped me throughout all this and turned my 'living hell' into 'a journey though life'. I will be eternally grateful."



Belinda's Story

A Gift of New Life

"The early years for my four year old son and five year old daughter have been terribly traumatic. It just destroyed me as a parent too. I fell apart, which wasn't helping my children when they needed me most.

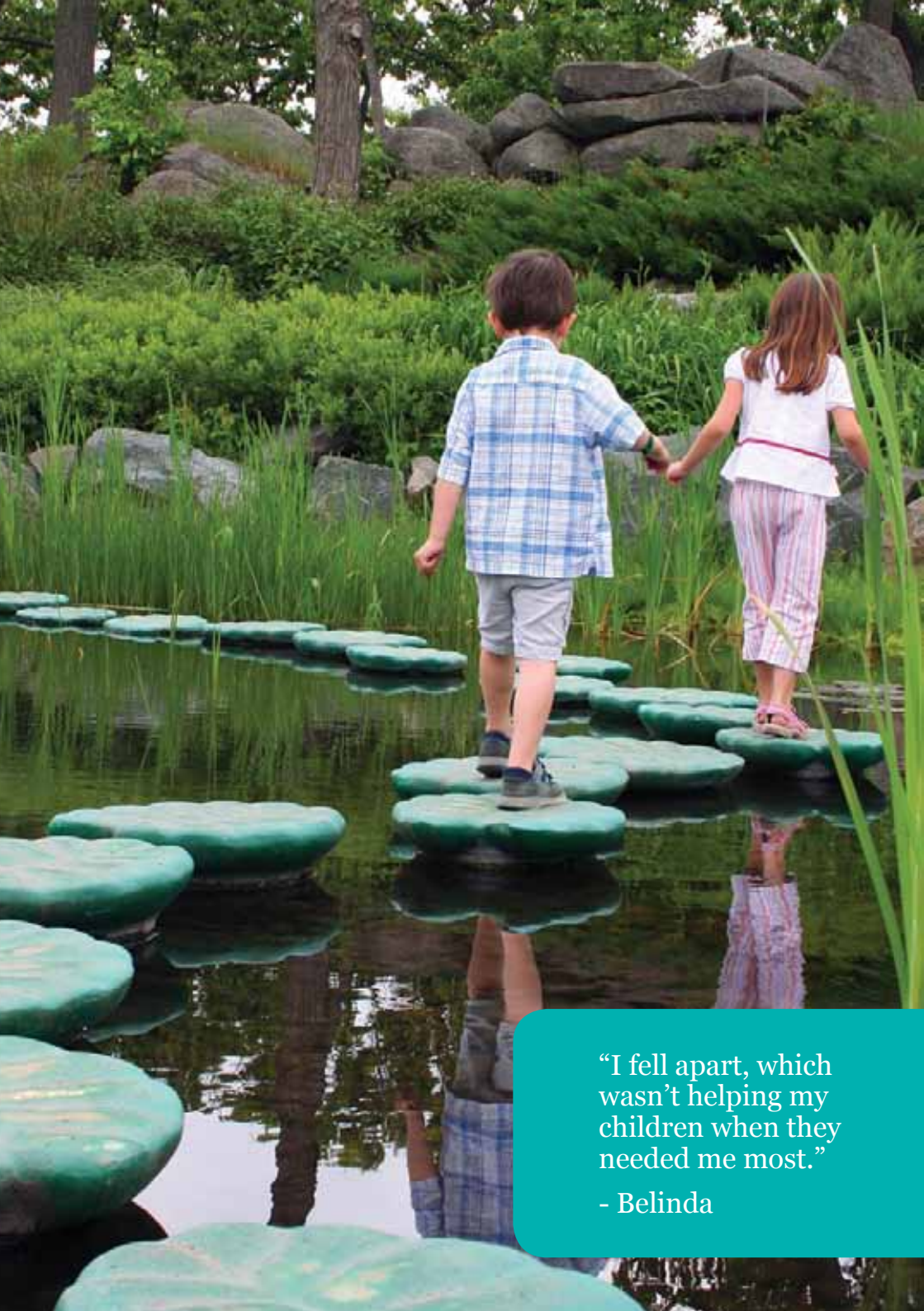
I went to the doctor to get some anti-depressants. I've been depressed many times before and I had always gone on medication – but I had never dealt with the real issues dragging me down.

When I came to CatholicCare for counselling, our lives were a mess, the children were a mess and I couldn't see our lives getting better. I just couldn't trust anyone.

Now, I just can't believe how far we've come in a year. I want to say thank you to my CatholicCare counsellor for everything – for getting me my study placement, for helping my children, for giving me a better life, for helping me get my trust back in people. Because of you, I am talking to my Dad and he has said he is proud of me, because of you my smiles are real.

Because of you I hold my head up high, because of you I leave my house and live life. I want to say thank you from all my children. They are all happy because of how you changed my life and made our home happy. Because of you I love to learn now and I'm preparing to work. You gave me confidence and pointed out all the good points in me that made me feel so special and it touched my heart."

Your bequest to CatholicCare
can help parents like Belinda
begin to live "life to the full"
so they can provide a more
nurturing family environment
for their children.



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- Belinda

Who We Are

Our Vision

“I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10:10)

Our Mission

The mission of CatholicCare is to build on the Gospel vision of “life to the full” for families, individuals and communities in all their diversity.

We seek to achieve this especially for those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged through:

- provision of services that improve the lives of those in need
- a focus on the prevention of further social need
- advocacy for greater opportunity and fairer social structures



We provide pastoral care to those in great need – adults in prison, adolescents in juvenile justice, people who are HIV positive, sick in hospital or living with mental illness.

Our Story

Formed during the Great Depression, our organisation has been providing services to the community since 1935 – an achievement only made possible through the generosity of our supporters.

Our past

CatholicCare was founded in Melbourne under Archbishop Mannix, with the leadership of Australia's first trained social workers, Norma Parker and Constance Moffit. It was given the name of Catholic Social Services Bureau and was one of the first agencies to provide professional social services in Australia. In 1956, our name was changed to The Catholic Family Welfare Bureau. In 1998, we were renamed Centacare Catholic Family Services and in 2011, we became CatholicCare.



The focus of our work was originally addressing the overcrowding of children in Catholic orphanages during the Great Depression. Our social workers looked after admissions into the orphanages and worked with families who were considering relinquishing their children because of lack of money for food, clothing and shelter. Wherever possible, we tried to keep families together.

Edward Grech (L) and Jason Grech (R) who spent their childhood in orphanages



Today, CatholicCare continues to work to keep vulnerable families together by strengthening the parents' ability to support their children. CatholicCare also continues to arrange adoptions and permanent care.

For some of our supporters, bequests provide a unique opportunity to leave a gift of special significance to care for the children of our future.



Photo credit: Ramesh Weeraratne

Fr Joe Caddy
Chief Executive Officer

Our present

As Chief Executive Officer Fr Joe Caddy says, “Today, CatholicCare continues to give hope to families and individuals experiencing difficulties. Last year, we assisted approximately 18,500 vulnerable and disadvantaged people from over twenty sites across Melbourne and Geelong. Around one in every three of our clients is a child who needs our help.

“CatholicCare’s vision is to help all members of the community live ‘life to the full’. In practical terms, having ‘life to the full’ means that people are able to find a place of belonging in their community. It means they are afforded the opportunity to take advantage of their natural talents; it means their fundamental dignity is respected and acknowledged regardless of race, religion, gender, sexuality or social class.

“Therefore, as part of fulfilling our vision, CatholicCare strives for social inclusion and reaches out to everyone in need. Your support is critical in achieving this.”



We help couples work through their difficulties so families can stay together. We encourage separated parents to refocus on the needs of their children.

Our future

CatholicCare relies on the support of the community to provide specialised programs and services which are either totally unfunded, or only partially funded by government or other sources. From time to time, urgent needs in the community emerge which can only be promptly addressed if we are able to draw upon additional resources.

Bequests in particular will become increasingly important to CatholicCare as we strive to develop a secure funding base, so we can truly fulfil our mission to assist all who turn to us for support.

Our invitation to consider a bequest is an opportunity for you to build upon all you have already done for CatholicCare.



Photo credit: John McCarthy

Graham Holmes

“I want to look after my family first... but I also want to be a Good Samaritan.”

Graham Holmes has been a loyal supporter of CatholicCare for the last 21 years. Together with his late wife Nancy, Graham says he felt, “Donating to CatholicCare has always been a good way to support the social justice aims of the Church. It is a way of helping the disadvantaged and all those who are dealing with fundamental challenges in their lives. It’s becoming harder for families. I worry about the children because they can suffer so much when there’s stress in the family – and the pain and suffering they experience can affect them for the rest of their lives.

“When I made my Will, my first priority was to look after my four children and six grandchildren. But I also wanted to leave gifts in my Will to a number of organisations like CatholicCare that address my desire for social justice. I feel the opportunity to leave a bequest is one way of fulfilling Jesus’ imperative to ‘Love your neighbour as yourself’. I won’t know who my gift will help but I know it will be able to assist some people who are really in need – just like the parable of the Good Samaritan. I like to think we can continue to make a contribution to social justice well into the future.”



We help refugees
strengthen their skills,
build connections and
develop a sense
of belonging.

Shaping the future... through your Will

Based on the loyal support you have shown us, we hope you will consider going above and beyond by leaving a bequest to CatholicCare.

Your gift to CatholicCare, whether large or small, can make a real lasting difference in the lives of people who are vulnerable and socially isolated, and those families who are most in need.

A Living Testimonial

Including CatholicCare in your Will ensures you will play a significant part in shaping the future of men, women and children in need of support.

If you generously choose to make a bequest to CatholicCare, the main types of gift are:

A residuary gift

A percentage of or all the remainder of your estate after expenses and specific legacies have been paid.

A specific gift

This could be a specific amount of money or item such as artwork, jewellery, shares, property or other forms of investments.

The following wording is provided as a guide for your legal adviser to use if you intend making a bequest to CatholicCare:

"I give share/residue of my estate or the sum of \$..... (or named item) to CatholicCare Archdiocese of Melbourne, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne, Victoria and I direct that the receipt of the Company Secretary or other proper officer for the time being of CatholicCare shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my trustee/s."

If you have already included CatholicCare in your Will under the name of Centacare Catholic Family Services, this will be sufficient and we are very grateful. You do not need to rewrite your Will.

Your bequest or other major gift can become a living memorial to your generosity. It could also act as an inspiration to others to consider their own part in ensuring the future wellbeing of so many.

Your Response

If you have already included CatholicCare in your Will or are considering doing so, we are most grateful. It would be a great help in our future planning if you would let us know by completing and returning this form. Of course, completing this form does not commit you in any way and your response will remain entirely confidential.

FIRST NAME

SURNAME

MR MRS MISS MS FAMILY FR SR DR (PLEASE CIRCLE)

ADDRESS

..... P/CODE

TELEPHONE

EMAIL

- I have already included CatholicCare in my Will
- I intend to include CatholicCare in my Will
- I will consider including CatholicCare in my Will
- I would like further information about including CatholicCare in my Will
- I enclose my gift of.....



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Our Services

The following list provides an overview of the wide range of programs and services currently provided by CatholicCare:

- ACCESS Employee Assistance Program
- Adoptions & Permanent Care
- Alcohol & Other Drug Family Service
- Bushfire Community Recovery Service
- Family & Relationship Counselling
- Family Dispute Resolution
- Family Relationship Centres
- Family Support
- GodStart Post-baptism Program
- Healthcare Chaplaincy
- HIV/AIDS Ministry
- Marriage & Relationship Education
- Mental Health Chaplaincy
- Parenting Orders Program
- Prison Ministry
- Refugee & Settlement Program
- School Refusal
- Seasons Loss and Grief
- Student Counselling
- Youth Justice Ministry

Your bequest could help us expand these services to meet the growing needs of our community. It is a gift that goes on giving.

Contact Us

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Our Commitment

CatholicCare strives to maintain the dignity of each person and family in all their diversity. All cultures, religious beliefs and personal values are respected.



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CatholicCare seeks to serve the community in all its diversity.
See our website at www.ccam.org.au to learn more about our wide range of professionally delivered programs, services and locations in Melbourne, Geelong and surrounding areas.