

Uniting WA news.

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Christmas comes early for Peter.



Led by Balbeer Sidhu, our Financial Wellbeing Services (FWS) team support people who are experiencing financial stress.

They offer Emergency Relief, Financial Counselling, and Financial Wellbeing Workshops.

Peter* was referred to our FWS team by the National Debt Helpline.

COVID affected Peter's business he was struggling to keep his work and mortgage afloat.

Our Scarborough financial counsellor, Afeif, negotiated on behalf of Peter and the bank approved three months of financial hardship for Peter's mortgage.

Through the assistance of Afeif, the total debt waived was more than \$20,000.

Peter said,
"I don't know how you do these things, but what you have done is marvellous, you have achieved a miracle, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

We're still seeing an unprecedented level of demand for emergency financial relief as people struggle with the ongoing impact of COVID.

More than 280 new people accessed support from our Financial Wellbeing Services Team in the month of August, which is more than double the same time last year.

We need your support this Christmas to help people like Peter in their time of need.

*Name changed to protect privacy

Unite with us in kindness this Christmas.

For many, Christmas time is a season of festivities and joy, but for some, it's the most stressful time of year.

This Christmas, many West Australians are having to make tough choices between keeping a roof over their head, putting food on the table, or paying their bills.

At Uniting WA, we're experiencing increasing demand across our services and people are seeking practical support more than ever before.

That's why we're asking for your help.

Your kindness this Christmas can provide hope and opportunities to the people we support.

Every donation makes a big difference. We thank you for considering us.

You can donate online at unitingwa.org.au/get-involved/donate or by following the QR code with your phone camera.

You can also donate by calling 1300 663 298 or sending cash, a cheque or a money order (along with the enclosed donation slip) to Uniting WA, GPO Box B74, Perth WA 6383.



Empowering women at risk.

Did you know that women over 55 are the fastest growing cohort of people experiencing homelessness?

We're partnering with Housing All Australians, the WA State Government, and other supporters to address this serious issue.

Wyn Carr House will support women over 55 experiencing homelessness by providing a safe and stable space to live and 1:1 services to support them to take the next step in their lives.

Below is a concept image of the re-imagining of Wyn Carr House.

If you'd like to learn more and help make Wyn Carr House a reality, please visit unitingwa.org.au/wyn-carr-house



New beginnings for Johnny.

Our Individualised Services team provides support to people with disability and those who identify as living with mental illness.

Delivered through NDIS, these services support people to build capacity and achieve their goals.

Johnny*, a former child in care, came to be supported by Uniting after experiencing a period of homelessness.

At the time, Johnny needed 24/7 support to build his daily living skills.

In the past 12 months, Johnny has graduated from a seven-week TAFE course in culinary skills and learned the skills he needed to move into a place of his own.

Johnny is very excited to be living on his own with minimal support.

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Cheers to supporting people doing it tough.



Donate to Uniting WA using Scheme ID C102 277 586



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**pairs of socks donated to our
Cosy Toes Winter Sock Appeal.**



Thank you for supporting our Cosy Toes Winter Sock Appeal.

Uniting WA would like to thank all the supporters, Uniting schools, and congregations that contributed to our Sock Appeal this year.

We've received nearly 2,000 pairs of socks for men, women, and children to help them stay warm.

We're always looking for socks and toiletries to go to our clients.

**Please contact us by calling
1300 663 298 to find out how to
support us.**

Celebrating Special Olympics athlete, Michael.

Uniting WA has the privilege of supporting talented Special Olympic champion swimmer, Michael, and watching his amazing journey throughout the years.

Michael was recently featured in a mural on Lake Street in Northbridge to create awareness about Special Olympics WA's campaign for Perth to host their World Games event in 2027.

The Special Olympics is the largest humanitarian event in the world. It empowers people with intellectual disabilities, with the opportunity for personal achievement, pride, and inclusion through sports.

The team at Uniting WA has watched Michael go from strength to strength and can't wait to see what the future holds for this talented young man.



Increasing numbers at Tranby.

Our Tranby Engagement Hub plays a crucial role in supporting people experiencing homelessness in and around the City of Perth.

The effects of COVID have pushed more people to the brink than ever before, with the number of people accessing services at Tranby doubling over the past year.

The importance of Tranby is clearer than ever with daily numbers exceeding 230-250 people, 100 more than usual.

Unite with us this Christmas to support our crucial services like Tranby as they face unprecedented demand.



Are you looking to join a team that sets you up for success?

A career at Uniting WA isn't just another job. You'll be joining a team of carers, thinkers, doers and darers who make a real difference through their work.

With flexible hours and work arrangements, you'll be encouraged to use your individual skills and life experience to support others to live their best lives.

We also offer five weeks' annual leave, salary packaging options, corporate discounts, learning and development opportunities, paid parental leave and access to our Employee Assistance Program.

Learn more about career opportunities by visiting unitingwa.org.au/join-the-team.



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