



WHO ARE WE?

Commencing in 1903, the St Stephen's Cathedral Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society was the second of its kind established in Queensland. For the last 117 years, parishioners from the Cathedral community have joined the group striving to faithfully serve Christ by caring for those who are living in poverty, marginalised and disadvantaged. Today we have 13 members who generously respond to requests for assistance.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

People in need can call the Vinnies Call Centre (free call) on 1800 846 643. Those who request help will be given an appointment time and asked to visit the Spring Hill Support Centre at 365 Boundary Street, Spring Hill on the next available day. We seek to provide a "hand-up and not just a hand-out". This means that beyond assisting with basic necessities, we will do our best to help through referrals for further professional assistance, offer basic advice on housing and assist with budget planning. We listen to people without judgement, consider their current sources of income and expenses and attend to their needs accordingly.

WHO DO WE HELP?

Anyone experiencing hardship! Our Conference group specifically assists people residing in the Brisbane city area, Spring Hill and Fortitude Valley. Each month over 130 people seek our help! We find that addictions, financial illiteracy, high living costs, high debts and mental illness are very common struggles faced by the people we assist.

WANT TO JOIN US?

We always welcome new volunteer members!

We offer you training, mentoring and since we assist in pairs, you will always be supported.

Prefer more "hands-on" tasks? We always need people to help initiate or assist with our fundraising activities so if you are available and interested in helping us with our sausage sizzles, market stalls etc. please don't hesitate to call us! If you would like to find out more, email us on ssc4000@svdpqld.org.au or call us on 0428 880 383.

LATEST NEWS

Breakfast Hampers given to those without a home!

Since the Covid-19 pandemic, our St Stephen's SVDP team have partnered with Micah Projects and Chaplainwatch to by providing around 50 breakfast hampers to those who were homeless and now being accommodated in hotels and motels in the CBD. The Govt initiative was to ensure outbreak clusters would be prevented amongst the homeless community by offering funds to help offer people accommodation in hotels. Micah Projects have been instrumental in arranging the accommodation and are taking the opportunity to help find long term housing solutions with those residing in these hotels. We feel privileged to be able to help and pray that this opportunity will see many who are homeless find long term solutions.



Thank you All Hallows!



Our special thanks to All Hallows School who kindly donated around 60 blankets and non-perishable food items. Their generosity of the

students, their families and staff have been so gratefully received and shared with those in need by our St Stephens SVDP team and several other teams around Brisbane. Much needed help during these colder months!

Bushfire and Flood Appeals Update

Thank you to all who generously donated to the Bush Fire & Flood Appeals. For an update on



how the Society is helping offer a hand up to those affected by the fires please click here: https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/Vinnies_Bushfire_Appeal/Bushfire_Funding_Report_June_2020/.

Overall \$3.6M has been distributed to people in Townsville and other parts of North Queensland whose lives were turned upside down by the floods. That is 93% of donated funds so far and growing. Through your generous help, our members have been able to help over 700 families. Thank you!