

Charity Building Projects

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Barnardos, Penrith est 1921

Barnardos' values and direction are taken from the work of its founder, Dr Thomas Barnardo. They deal particularly with the prevention of abuse and entry into care for disadvantaged children. Barnardos operates children's family centres, permanency programs for 'out-of-home' care, adolescent services and advocacy work.

How do they help youth homelessness and young people at risk?

Barnardos works with adolescents in providing unconditional support and care and a basis for future independence. They aim to keep young people as "connected" as possible to the community, preferably their families as they believe homelessness adds to the children's future problems because it disrupts and represents a most tragic outcome for their education, threatens their health and safety.

Case planning is an essential component of all programs, as is developing positive relationships between the worker and young person. Behaviour management, relationship with birth family and other adults, and training for independence are central issues for this work.

What is the project that PIF is funding?

The project is an extension to their family and children's centre located at Cranebrook (suburb of Penrith) dedicated specifically to youth programs. The project will include refurbished educational rooms, an undercover outdoor courtyard, new offices for counsellors, a new kitchen and a new garden area. Site improvements will also include soil decontamination. Barnardos will upgrade furniture, fixtures and equipment.

Why did PIF believe that the project needed funding assistance?

This building will provide a secure environment for up to 95% of cases of homeless young people in the area. and will be the hub for all existing Barnardos Youth Services in Penrith. This program offers safety, stability and a place where these young people will be able to strengthen their identity and make positive changes to their lives.

What is the total cost of this project?

Over \$400,000

How much did the PIF Board approve for this project?

\$115,000

The Project Team who have provided in-kind professional services to PIF.

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