

# Charity Building Projects

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## Come In Youth Resource Centre, *Paddington* est. 1978

Come In Youth Resource Centre (CIRC) is a community-based adolescent counselling and support service operated by *St Francis Welfare Limited*, and is located at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Paddington. The work of the Centre is aimed at assisting marginalised young people in stabilising their lives and increasing the quality of their existence by regaining access to education and employment; and developing more effective social support networks.

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

CIRC provides long-term counselling, housing assistance and support to young people with various behavioural disorders. Counsellors specialise in the areas of homelessness, juvenile crime, health, HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, poverty and trauma associated with family dysfunction. Programs include: "Young Mothers Program" and "HYPA Project", an early intervention program teaching youths methods of prevention for substance abuse and self-destructive behaviours. Their "Activities Centre" provides lunch, a shower and laundry, as well as structured recreation.

### What is the project that PIF is funding?

PIF provided funding towards the refurbishment of the centre and their counselling rooms. Owing to the original structure built in 1904, rectifications included: attending to rising damp, replacement of rotting rafters, repainting of the façade, repairing internal walls, structural steel reinforcement, and replacement of exhaust/ air-conditioning. These problems interfered with the centre being able to provide services to cope with an increasing demand from disadvantaged young people in the area.

### Why did PIF believe that the project needed funding assistance?

Come In Youth Resource Centre has been providing therapy, counselling and practical assistance to disconnected young people in the inner city for over twenty-five years. PIF acknowledged the refurbishment of the building was vital to maintain the resources needed to sustain their reputation of clinical excellence and positive results the centre has with disadvantaged youth.

### Total cost of this project?

**\$1,108,619**

### How much did the PIF Board approve for this project?

**\$272,000**

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



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