

Charity Building Projects

An initiative of the Property Industry Foundation



Marist Youth Care, *Emu Plains* est 1896.

MYC is the largest non-government provider of residential care to disadvantaged youth in NSW. In the spirit of their founder, Marcellin Champagnat stands in solidarity with young people at risk and through a variety of programs encourage young people to take charge of their lives/

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

MYC work with young people in desperate need who are victims of mental, physical and sexual abuse, neglect, drug and alcohol abuse, and family breakdowns. These young people are cared for 24 hours a day. A full range of programs respond to individual needs and help youth progress to age appropriate skills, education and vocational goals whilst living at their Independent Living Facility.

What is the project that PIF is funding?

The government granted (MYC) ownership of a severely dilapidated 4 bedroom (former housing commission house) in Emu Plains. PIF provided funding and pro bono design, quantity surveying and project management services to refurbish the property so that it could be used to provide accommodation and developmental programs for up to four disadvantaged and homeless young people

Why did PIF believe that the project needed funding assistance?

Since its refurbishment the home has had a very positive impact on the young people who now live there, in the words of one of the residents, "It has gone from disaster piece to master piece". The house accommodates young people aged 15-18, in need of rehabilitation with access to 24-hour carers, and includes accommodation for a full time carer. Counsellors' work with the youths intensively, in order that they can develop the necessary skills which enable them to be transferred to an independent living programme and make a positive contribution to the community.

What is the total cost of this project?

\$247,935

How much did the PIF Board approve for this project?

\$150,000

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



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