

# Charity Building Projects

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## Salvation Army Oasis Youth Support Network, *Surry Hills*

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Oasis Youth Support Network (OYSN) is The Salvation Army's response to youth homelessness and provides 21 innovative and uplifting programs to help disadvantaged and disconnected young people to start turning their lives around offered at Oasis, in the inner city of Sydney.

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

Oasis helps homeless young people in crisis, and is an 'Australian first': It offers stability, direction and practical help in accommodation, health, legal matters, education and employment. The curriculum offers life-skill courses and services with vocational level courses that are practical and experiential and is based on positive reinforcement and flexible self paced learning.

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

Current Project: Improvements to the existing building include renovating and transforming the surplus accommodation area into a functional educational facility with classrooms; refurbishing program staff offices, study areas, wc's, and installing a basic kitchenette.

Completed Project: involved redesigning the courtyard this includes new plumbing, metalwork, tiling, plastering, and flooring, painting interior walls, and replacing deteriorating external fixtures such as the roof extension, which will weatherproof and rejuvenate educational areas for street youths.

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

Oasis provides high quality, accessible life skills training to secure the future of up to 200 disadvantaged young people who have little opportunity to improve on their dire circumstances. As OYSN's aim is to provide a normalised transition into the community by positively empowering youths lives through vocational activities, continued counselling and support, the Foundation recognised this an ideal fit to PIF's mandate.

### What is the total cost of this project?

**\$100,000**

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

**\$100,000**

**The Project Team are providing in-kind professional services to PIF.**



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