



Charity Youth Programs

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Salvation Army *Orana Lodge* est. 1881

Orana Women and Children's Services provides emergency accommodation to women and children who are fleeing domestic violence and are homeless, offering provides a safe and secure temporary home for young people who have been victimised.

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

Orana Lodge caters for youths who have witnessed, or been victims of violence, abuse and destruction to themselves, family and their community. The Lodge also assist with clothing, food, shelter, and safety from the harsh streets of violence, rape, drug and addictions. They also offer referrals to other appropriate community services and information regarding children's issues, such as difficult behaviour, parenting and abuse.

Emergency accommodation is provided for a period of approximately three months whilst attempts are made to secure more permanent accommodation and independent living for young mothers. Whilst the Lodge is a temporary safe house, staff assist the older children in achieving independent living by gaining positive social and community interaction.

What is the current program that PIF is funding?

PIF provided funding for a professional child care worker who gives practical and emotional support to the mothers and children that stay at the centre. They provide counselling for children who have had severe trauma such as abuse – physically, mentally and sexually. Staff assess young peoples educational needs and act on their behalf at the local schools to give them discipline and education.

Why did PIF believe that the program needed funding assistance?

PIF provided Orana Lodge funding on the remarkable reputation of Salvation Army counselling services at the centre. The Foundation believed that their professional childcare worker would provide tangible outcomes for abused youth under Orana Lodge's care by bettering their self-esteem, confidence and social skills in a dedicated educational space. It had been proven that their professional staff work with over 80 children a year and are committed to encouraging young mothers to take control of their own lives through support and participation in their basic living skills program.

Total cost of this overall program?

\$800,000

How much did the PIF Board approve for this program?

\$45,000.00 for a professional child care worker.

\$16,000 for children's educational playground