



Charity Youth Programs

An Initiative of the Property Industry Foundation



Uniting Care, The Drum Youth Resource Centre *Campbelltown* est 1911

Uniting Care Burnside DRUM Youth Resource Centre is a part of the Uniting Church, Australia. The DRUM provide quality support programs in a safe environment to help break the cycle of dysfunctional living and homelessness that affects disadvantaged young people living in the Macarthur region of New South Wales. Burnside's vision is for a just and safe society for all children, young people and their families – they're motto is, "because children matter

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

The Drum Youth Resource Centre helps young people living in crisis and who are at risk of becoming homeless. The centre provides a safe environment, emergency financial assistance, meals, shower and laundry facilities, phones, internet access, and storage. Staffs work with these desperate young people, giving them access to: short and long term accommodation, Centrelink benefits, employment programs, counselling, child protection and other support programs. Caseworkers work with the local school network, with drug and alcohol forums; with local council to lobby government for adequate housing; with the Department of Community Services (DOCS) and with Housing NSW and a range of other non government services to help these disadvantaged youth to achieve housing and stability in all areas of their lives.

What is the program that PIF is funding?

Property Industry Foundation provided funding for the sponsorship of two dedicated Youth Caseworkers who are responsible for developing, implementing and managing the DRUM Program. Proven to make a tangible difference, the Foundation approved their renewal application over four consecutive years through its integrative programs. The DRUM Program helps young people to overcome homelessness and drug & alcohol addictions. The program comprises of proactive casework, referrals, long term support, and living skills training to develop their strengths to make choices and improve their lives.

Why did PIF believe that the project needed funding assistance?

PIF values the DRUM's contribution to bettering the lives of young people in the Campbelltown. Funding the program has enabled the Centre to extend its positive influence in helping disadvantaged young people. The Foundation understands that continued funding contributions enable in excess of twelve young people per week to be helped by the DRUM caseworkers. In addition PIF recognizes that caseworkers can help thousands of young people each year make better life choices.

Total cost of this project?

Sponsorship for Two Youth Caseworkers

Year 1: \$90,000

Year 2: \$90,000

Year 3, \$90,000

Year 4: \$90,000

How much did the PIF Board approve for this program?

\$90, 0000 each year