



Dear {{FirstName}},

I'm proud to share that last year we helped 14,250 Melburnians with housing or wraparound support at their time of need.

These have been challenging times, and these are people with real challenges in their lives.

Together it's clear we're creating a brighter future.

Solutions to homelessness exist – and our latest Impact Report shows how more housing + healthcare + support ends homelessness.

In this newsletter, read stories of some of the people Launch Housing has helped to start a new beginning.

Scaling our work to end homelessness across Melbourne is only possible through partnerships – with governments, specialist services, philanthropy, business and the community – supporters like you.

Together, we can make Melbourne a livable city for all of us.

[Read the full report.](#)

Thank you for your support.

Warmly,



BEVAN WARNER
Chief Executive Officer



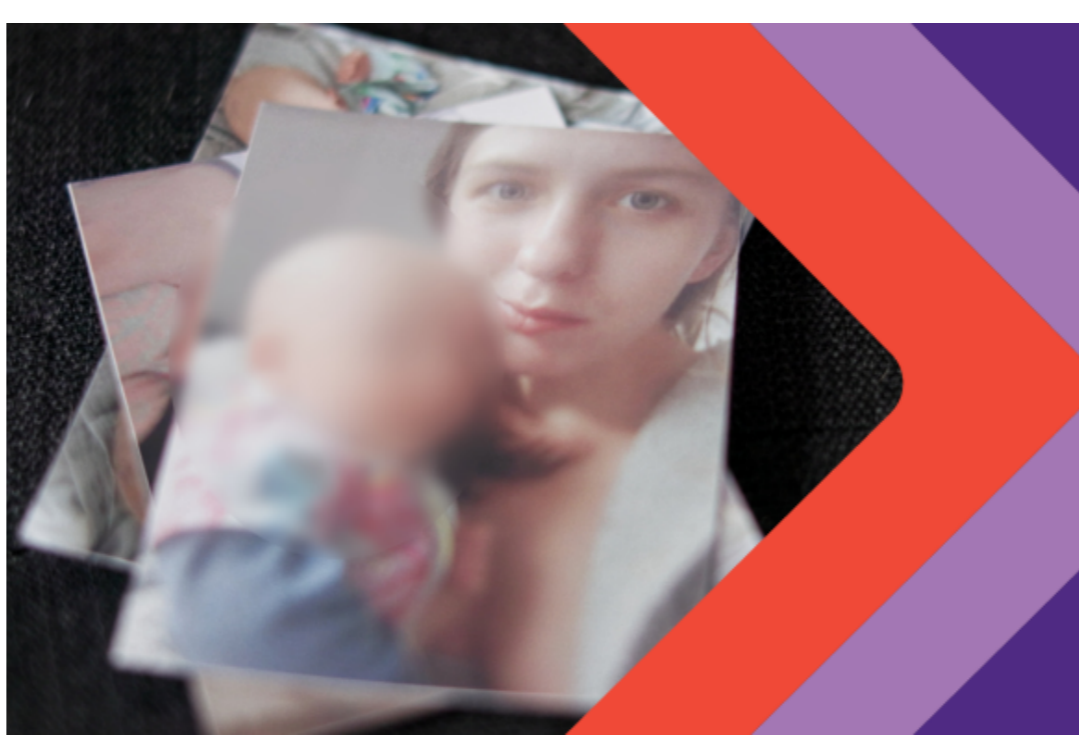
135 children experiencing homelessness were able to attend school regularly and continue their learning journey.

That's a 26% increase from last year due to our philanthropically supported Education Pathways Program (EPP) expansion to Viv's Place.

Tayla's daughter Nina has selective mutism, and when the family experienced homelessness it was exacerbated.

We provided the help Nina needed – a speech therapist, art therapy, homework club, walking school buses, and play groups – and she has now found her words again.

[Read the family's story here.](#)



2,426 families provided with safety and a new beginning.

In the last year, 30 babies were born into our Cornelia program, including Amy's daughter.

Cornelia, the Australian-first initiative in partnership Royal Women's Hospital, Housing First and Launch Housing, provides pregnant and new mums experiencing homelessness with housing, tailored wrap-around health care and social support.

"The staff at Cornelia saw this potential in me that I didn't see in myself. I started to believe that maybe I can live this life without drugs, without violence, maybe I can be a good parent to my child."

[Watch Amy's story here.](#)



84% of young people leaving our Youth Foyers are employed or enrolled in education

Luke is a graduate of Launch Housing's Education First Youth Foyer, after experiencing homelessness as a young person. The wraparound support he received during his two years living at the Foyer sparked the inspiration for his adult career.

Now in his very own home, Luke reflects on the impact of the last few years on his life today.

"The Foyers are on that list of services that saved my life."

[Read about Luke's journey towards stability here.](#)



3,121 people assisted with Emergency Accommodation

Jakub is a familiar face at Launch Housing's Southbank site, having called it home for the last year and a half.

Many of our clients with complex health issues need to access our services multiple times and require longer term support to access and sustain housing.

The journey out of homelessness is not always linear. But even Jakub's story is unique.

[Read how here.](#)



20% increase in the number of properties offered at below market rent through HomeGround Real Estate.

Thanks to generous property owners across Melbourne, our social enterprise real estate agency HomeGround enabled people on low incomes to rent 153 private properties at a discounted or very low rent – increasing the city's affordable housing stock at no cost to government.

Sandra is one of those people.

When Sandra, in her 60's, decided to return to Melbourne, she told friends she'd only need to stay with them for a few weeks. Surely by then she would find herself a home – how much could the city have changed in a few decades? It turns out, a lot.

"Oh, it was shocking. I didn't sleep. I was totally stressed out. I'd be up at five, six in the morning and I'd be going through the rentals and everything that I could put my hands on, trying to find somewhere to go and live."

Before Sandra found her forever home through HomeGround, we also supported her through our Private Rental Assistance Program, which provides people experiencing rental stress with financial help.

Sandra was one of a record number of people – 3,343 clients – who received private rental assistance last year, a 24% increase in the past 2 years.

[Read Sandra's story here.](#) and about how Andrew and Glenda's generosity helped increase Melbourne's affordable housing stock in this story.



1726 people supported through philanthropy and partners

Our Education Pathways and Functional Zero programs, and the delivery of healthcare services across several of our sites, are made possible by the generous support of philanthropic donors and corporate partners who share our commitment to ending homelessness in Melbourne.

Many of these partners also share their unique skills and other resources to further their impact – like SHAPE, who generously refurbished our Southbank crisis accommodation site last year. Because of partnerships like this, Jakub (who you read about earlier) and other residents now have a greater sense of physical comfort in their new rooms – which hadn't been updated in 23 years.

"These spaces not only offer physical comfort but also send a powerful message to those going through tough times – that they are deserving of care and support."

[Watch a short video on the partnership here.](#)