

# flourish

LifeCare Newsletter  
January 2018



Thank you for helping those  
in need in our community  
*flourish* in 2017!

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On behalf of the LifeCare team I would like to thank you for helping us make a positive impact in our community in 2017. The support and care provided by LifeCare through counselling, mentoring, financial and practical care have meant that nearly 1000 people have been given the opportunity to heal from brokenness, work towards life goals, join in with healthy community and experience the love of God.

**Pastor Dale Stephenson**

CEO, LifeCare

## Celebrating Lives *Transformed*



Looking back, if it weren't for LifeCare I would have had a breakdown and then only God knows what would happen to me and my children. I'm now enrolled in further studies and look forward to full-time work.

- Domestic violence survivor

LifeCare gave me support and helped me to realise that I was not alone. It has given me life and a friend and a sense of belonging and community. It has helped me see that God has a purpose and there is a reason why things happen.

- Abandoned and alone

LifeCare helped me when I had nothing and made it possible for me to dream again.

- Survivor of childhood trauma







## Celebrating Team

Team LifeCare raised \$20,000 in the 2017 Melbourne Marathon with more than fifty runners and walkers. It was a great day of cheering one another on as we sweated it out to the finish line. It was heart-warming to see families join together to raise funds in support of families who struggle.

Our fundraising prize this year went to an eleven year old boy who raised \$4273.20! How wonderful to see kids supporting kids and families supporting families at this fantastic family event. What a great way to teach children compassion and generosity!

If you are interested in joining Team LifeCare by walking or running anything from 3km to the full marathon in the 2018 Melbourne Marathon (14 October), contact Gail Cameron at [gail.cameron@crosswaylifecare.org.au](mailto:gail.cameron@crosswaylifecare.org.au).



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## Celebrating Volunteers

Crossway hosted the 2017 inaugural annual Chisholm Volunteer Awards night. Julia Banks, MP for Chisholm, led the event with special guest The Hon Julia Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party. Two of LifeCare's volunteers, Angela Czarnota and Kim Ng were awarded for their exceptional contribution to the community. We are blessed to have an outstanding team of dedicated volunteers at LifeCare!

Photographs compliments of LifeCare volunteer Bronson Chan (pictured below) who has been photographing LifeCare events for years! He also runs with Team LifeCare in the Melbourne Marathon to raise funds to help those struggling in our community. Thank you Bronson!



## Celebrating Christmas

Love was poured out to our clients and participants as more than 100 people enjoyed a Christmas dinner and celebration. There was delicious food, awesome activities for the kids, great conversation and laughter, presents and, most importantly, a heart-warming message of hope delivered in a relevant and engaging presentation.







## Celebrating Opportunity

We live in a society with plenty so it can be difficult to imagine that some people struggle for even basic necessities. One simple way to show your care for those in need is by contributing regularly to the LifeCare community store. You can support this vital ministry by purchasing and placing non-perishable goods in the Crossway foyer food donation bin. Items which we are always in need of include:

- Long Life Milk
- Pasta Sauce
- Breakfast Cereal
- Breakfast Spreads
- Tea and Coffee
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Dishwashing Liquid
- Toilet Paper



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**The best part of the program was having someone to talk to about money concerns. I felt inspired and supported immediately.**

*- Ellie, Single mother of five children*

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# Celebrating Generosity and Working Together



## 2017 LifeCare Gala



Co-hosted by our Platinum sponsor LightFM, the 2017 LifeCare gala was an evening of fun, entertainment by 'ADELE' (at least someone who looks and sounds like her!) and celebration with the 'stars'. We honored some of our real stars - LifeCare clients who shared their inspiring life-changing stories. They were just a few of the many who have experienced care and support from LifeCare.

Guests enjoyed fine dining, great music, dancing and a wide selection of silent auction items. LightFM's Canute Jacobs took home the fundraising prize for highest fundraising for the event (pictured below). LifeCare supporter Gladys Liu led the live auction with gusto. CEO, Pastor Dale Stephenson shared his passion for those doing life tough in the community as he shared his personal story of hardship as a boy.

Not only was the night full of fun and inspiration, it also brought in over \$80,000 to be used to help more people heal, join community and have hope for a better future. Thank you to all who participated. A special thanks to our participants who bravely shared their stories as well as our special friends who matched a significant portion of the donations made during the appeal on the night.



89.9 LightFM is a Christian community radio station dedicated to bringing positive, family friendly content in a fun and engaging way. There is a strong drive to connect with the community to make a positive difference and to see every life alight with Christian hope.

As a radio station that's on-air 24/7 on FM, digital and online, 89.9 LightFM has an amazing opportunity to reach people where others can't, to walk alongside them and to impact the atmosphere of Melbourne.

Tune in to 89.9 LightFM - Melbourne's positive alternative.




## Celebrating Generosity and Working Together

### \$33,600 Raised by the Community!

Prompted by an article in the local paper about the work LifeCare is doing for women who have suffered from family violence, the GoGirls Foundation decided to hold a fundraising event to support the women. The goal was to raise funds for twelve women from the LifeCare Women's Centre to participate in their Step Up program, an employment readiness program for disadvantaged women. The event surpassed expectations and raised \$33,600! We are thrilled to be partnering with the GoGirls team and are so excited for the opportunity that they will bring in 2018 for twelve of our women!

If you love parties or have a hobby, you too could use your passion and skills to raise much needed funds to help those in need in our community. Some ideas include trivia night, high tea, fun run/walk, craft stall, etc. For more information contact Gail Cameron at [gail.cameron@crosswaylifecare.org.au](mailto:gail.cameron@crosswaylifecare.org.au).

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"The Blackburn South Community Bank is very proud to financially assist Crossway LifeCare with their fantastic work in helping the disadvantaged members of our local community."

- Peter Grierson, Branch Manager

Peter and his team have gone above and beyond in their support. In addition to sponsoring LifeCare, they have offered to **donate \$1000 to LifeCare when anyone connected to Crossway or LifeCare takes out a home loan with their branch!**

We are thrilled to have this opportunity extended to us so please contact Peter if you are thinking of refinancing or taking out a new home loan and don't forget to mention your connection to LifeCare! Contact Peter Grierson or Corey Lim (9894 8467) for more information.

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# Clear<sup>TM</sup>

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Clear Networks, a licensed telecommunications carrier based in Melbourne, provides broadband internet services to residential and business customers around Australia. With Melbourne's largest fixed wireless network, Clear can often provide a fast, reliable and affordable internet service when others can't.

The team at Clear shares our heart for the community. In fact, some of their team attend Crossway and volunteer at LifeCare. We value their contribution to helping people in tough places flourish. Check out Clear, Melbourne's largest fixed wireless network at [clear.com.au](http://clear.com.au).

"I'm impressed with the vision of Crossway and their strategic approach to community outreach."

- Rob van der End, CEO and founder of Clear Networks



# Upcoming Opportunities

February 24 & 25

## COACH TRAINING

Join our team of almost 100 local volunteer mentors and make a huge impact in the life of someone experiencing hardship. Our supportive COACH local team has set the stage for 71 (and growing) churches in Australia and the UK. Did you know that Hillsong, supported by a Monash University evaluation, has joined the COACH network?

Ongoing commitment 1-2 hours a week.

Expressions of interest: [coach@crosswaylifecare.org.au](mailto:coach@crosswaylifecare.org.au) or 9886 3899

March-April

## DONATIONS MATCHED FOR 3 YEARS!

A very generous LifeCare supporter has offered to give \$.50 for every \$1 donated to LifeCare FOR 3 YEARS! We are thrilled for the opportunity to multiply the benefit to those in need!

To participate simply make a commitment to give a regular monthly donation to LifeCare and your donation will be matched \$.50/\$1.00 for 3 years!

Larger annual donations also eligible for matching (contact Gail Cameron at 9886 3899). More detail to come at [crosswaylifecare.org.au](http://crosswaylifecare.org.au).

April 7 & 8 and April 14 & 15

## LIFECARE WEEKENDS

Be inspired by stories of lives transformed at the Saturday and Sunday services at Crossway.

*To learn more about how you can help people in tough places flourish, visit [crosswaylifecare.org.au](http://crosswaylifecare.org.au) or call 9886 3899.*



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