

PROGRAM UP-DATES

Community Settlement Services

Community Settlement Services helps migrants and refugees in our local area get to know their surroundings and become more comfortable in their new country. Apart from the various programs, a caseworker is available to provide one-to-one support and information. If you or anyone you know could benefit from this service, please phone Christine on 9858 1377.

A busy year is ahead for Community Settlement Services including new programs of Employment Mentoring and Homework Support; further development of the Book Club and Iranian Women's Group and continuing the stable and much needed English Conversation Classes and Korean Women's Group.

*Christine Palomo
Community Settlement Services*



In response to the community's need, Christian Community Aid has available, for a small donation, three wheelchairs. Please contact our Eastwood Office to find out further information and procedures.

Emergency Relief/Social Welfare

The Emergency Relief/Social Welfare programs are expecting another full year of appointments with clients to discuss and assist with material assistance in their time of crisis. Advocacy may be available for clients to Centrelink or other services depending upon the situation. Please feel free to make an appointment with the Welfare Worker to discuss your concerns.

*Julie Wood
Emergency Relief/Social Welfare*

I enclose a donation of \$ _____ for Christian Community Aid.

Name: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr):

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WELCOME TO 2010

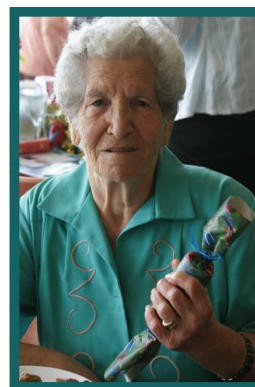
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As we enter 2010, with all the challenges, joy and excitement that it will bring, it is good to reflect on the essential values of Christian Community Aid, which are:

- * compassion, non-judgemental and non-discriminatory services delivery
- * open, inclusive, transparent and accessible processes
- * respect for individual dignity and confidentiality
- * support and empowerment of individuals to make choices
- * commitment to ethics and professionalism

We will continue to embody these values as we press forward with all our strength to excel in the quality of services that we provide to our clients, children and parents in Family Day Care, students in Leisure Learning programs, participants in support groups and volunteers and people in our community.

The Past Year



At Christian Community Aid, we celebrated the true spirit of Christmas by delivering a hot meal to the homes of members of our community who were alone on Christmas Day.

The Christmas lunch, which was held during December, for the people who attend our regular luncheon groups, attracted over 120 attendees and volunteers.



The children in our Family Day Care Program were given the opportunity to learn about the Nativity and admired the big Christmas tree. The children enjoyed the 'disco dancing' and the singing of Christmas carols brought children, staff members and carers together.

In our Leisure Learning programs, the tutors and students organised several Open Days to exhibit their art and craft work. Highlights included the Choir and the Scottish Country dancing group, the performances of those who have studied Tai Chi, creative writing, languages, and gentle exercises.

The Chinese Leisure Learning Open Day was very impressive, with the displays of paintings, photography, bead making and jewellery work, paper toiles, silk flowers, and so many other craft items. The performances of the tutors and students were inspiring.

We have created a 2010 calendar celebrating 45 years of service to the local community and 90 years of fulfilled lives of Christian Community Aid clients. On our behalf please collect your 2010 calendar from our Eastwood Office.

Once again, thank you for your great support to Christian Community Aid throughout 2009. I hope that you have had a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas. Best wishes.

Message from the General Manager

Major Fundraiser for 2010

* Golf umbrellas, \$20.00 each

Your support of our major Fundraiser for 2010 would be greatly appreciated.



RECOGNITION

Despite the recent global period of financial hardship, Christian Community Aid was overwhelmed with the communities response to the 2009 Christmas Appeal. Surrounding Church organisations and congregations, local businesses, together with families and individuals remained committed to supporting people in need through these difficult times. Thank you most sincerely to everyone, your support was very much appreciated.

Appreciation also goes to a local corporation which, not only supplied one hundred decorated Christmas Hamper bags, but whose employees were generous with their personal time and completed the project by packing the Hampers.

Because of big-hearted donations we were able to include in the Hampers traditional Christmas fare, chocolates and sweets, toiletries, games and books and quality toys for children. The cash raised through the Appeal went towards purchasing food and gift vouchers.

Beaming smiles was the order of the day when clients collected their Christmas Hampers and comments such as *"thank you, you don't realise how much this means to us..."*, were heard.

CELEBRATING 45 YEARS OF SERVICE

In 2010 Christian Community Aid will be celebrating 45 years of serving the local community. We are very proud to have exceeded expectations and goals, whilst we remained committed to our Mission Statement.

Christian Community Aid opened its doors on 3 January 1964, on the basis that help would be given to anyone who came to the office.

Today, this help includes free food parcels to tide over an immediate need, along with the opportunity for clients to tap into a number of other services like caring for children, home delivered meals, social outings and bus trips, transport to and from medical appointments, assistance with financial and budgeting issues, learning for leisure, services for newly arrived migrants and refugees, specialised services for people from linguistically and culturally diverse backgrounds, and financial assistance for emergencies.

Steadily our programs have increased over the years, to respond to new and emerging needs in the local community. The latest is the Telephone Linkage. A daily telephone call is made to clients who are living alone, elderly, or medically at risk. This service provides a reassuring link to the wider community.

We are most grateful for the support from individuals, organisations and every denomination in the local community. Thank you. With your ongoing support, we will continue to provide help where the need is so great.

Highlights for 2010

- * Senior's Week Events
- * Community Celebrations of Christian Community Aid Market Day
- * Trivia Night
- * Family Fun Day
- * Volunteers Thank-You Afternoon

INVITATION

To: Volunteers, Seniors, Supporters, Families, Community

Why: Celebrate 45 years of service to the local community

When: Information will follow closer to the events

Where: Parks, halls and reception venues