

## THE GOOD SAMARITAN KINDER SCHOOL - BACOLOD

Our life and mission at the kinder school is full of energy and hope for the future of the many children and families who became part of our school community. We are so grateful for God's guidance and for the many blessings that we have received. We opened the school in May 22, 2004 and for seven years we continually say, to God Almighty, "We give thanks, for the blessing of the school through our generous benefactors and for the love and care of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan." We are very grateful indeed!

The children coming to the kinder school are from low income families. Donations from benefactors are used for the lay staff's salary, food for the children, classroom and study materials, the purchase of items for the school's clinic, and maintenance of the school building and grounds.

The school population increased from 120 to 132 students and staffing from four to ten including the Good Samaritan Sisters who work part-time. With the generosity of our benefactors we have introduced a feeding program. A positive outcome of this is that fewer children are complaining of stomach aches due hunger and we have fewer children in the sick bay.

We pray for our benefactors everyday at school so, please know that you are remembered with gratitude.

Thank you very much for your ongoing and generous support. God bless!

**Sr. Leonie Duenas, SGS**  
Principal  
Good Samaritan Kinder School

## GOOD SAMS INN - MELBOURNE

*You can make a Difference!*

*Sr Michelle Reid, Manager of the Good Sams Inn, explains the work of the Inn and its connection to the Foundation.*



Homelessness and family violence are issues that many women and children face every day. 80% of women who stay at the Good Sams Inn are escaping a violent situation. Children are exposed to violence on a regular basis and are struggling to manage everyday activities such as attending school, finding items of clothing, and having nothing familiar around them. It is a confusing and turbulent time for all.

Support from the Good Samaritan Foundation enables our service, the Good Samaritan Inn to enhance our service. What we do and do well at the Good Samaritan Inn is to make it our aim to provide three things: skilled support, a nurturing environment and a safe space for the women to attend to their own inner workings. Because we are only open Monday to Friday what we do is limited so it is essential that we strengthen the skills and talents of each woman and child so they leave us with a little more confidence in their ability to take the next step. Our aim is to operate seven days a week but till that time we are much appreciative of the financial support of the Foundation that enhances our five day Model of Service.

The Foundation has helped in the past with urgent renovations, a marketing campaign, project salary support and research into developing our service model.

Our marketing has resulted in a new logo, brochures and a new website. Partnerships for our organisation are essential and a means to extend

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our area of influence. People who live in Melbourne can be involved in the direct work of the Inn. Check our new website [www.goodsamaritaninn.com.au](http://www.goodsamaritaninn.com.au) for ways individuals, corporates, small businesses, and any organisations can make a difference in the lives of women and children who are homeless.

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS

One of the readings for the recent Feast of Ascension has the Angel asking the disciples "Why are you men from Galilee standing there looking into the sky?" The Angel tells the disciples that Christ will return in the same way as they have seen Him go there. The point is that between now and Christ's return, we need to busy ourselves with the Mission of Christ, and not just stand around idly gazing into the sky. We should not be waiting for things to happen. We have to make them happen.

The work of the Foundation is directed to making the Mission of Christ happen in two ways. Firstly, our fund raising allows us to support many of the Mission activities of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. Secondly, the Foundation carries out its own Mission activity in the area of transitional housing for women and children escaping domestic violence.

In both these ways the activities of the Foundation are directed to identifying areas of need and responding in practical ways to those needs. One of the messages in the parable of the Good Samaritan is that we ought train ourselves to recognise wherever a real need exists. Once we recognise that need, we ought to respond in charity. Recognising and responding to needs is a two-step process by which we ensure that

our Mission activities involve a preferential option for the poor (those truly in need).

The work of the Foundation is part of the Mission focused work of the Church. I again urge your most generous support of this work.



**Pat Mullins**  
Chair

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Greetings All,

My initial three months at the Foundation have been extremely busy and included meetings with the Foundation's Board, the Good Samaritan leadership group and some of the Congregation's communities in Sydney and Brisbane. Positive relationships and open communication are vital in our journey to building a successful Foundation and I thank all of you who have helped "fast track" my knowledge of the Good Sams' values and history and their amazing work across Australia and abroad.

Today in our modern world the Sisters of the Good Samaritan Foundation must embrace change if we are to compete and prosper in the current environment. Donor fatigue is a real challenge especially in a climate of unprecedented natural disasters. There are simply hundreds of worthy causes all vying for the corporate or public dollar.

We must embrace our points of difference and our unique "track record", whilst operating as a savvy, professional business. The Foundation welcomes a new logo, one that symbolises this "embrace". The logo is simple, dynamic and modern and can compete with other larger' logos on a world stage.

Later this month we will launch our new website, another important marketing tool complete with social networking platforms such as Facebook and Twitter. This will appeal to a broader market and help spread the awareness of the Foundation to new audiences.

In this edition of the Foundation Newsletter I welcome and encourage feed back. In our spirit of partnership we can make a difference. I would like to hear your comments on how the Foundation can best achieve its objectives. Feel free to contact me directly in the Brisbane office on 07 3350 4032 for a chat.

Warm regards  
**Sarah**



## DONATIONS

Yes I would like to make a donation to the Good Sams Foundation to help the Sisters assist those in need.

Please accept my gift of  \$50  \$100  \$200 or other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Attached is my cheque (payable to the sisters of the Good Samaritan Foundation)

Or debit my credit card  Mastercard  Visa

Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Card holder's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Card holder's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send receipt to:

Your surname (Ms/Miss/Mrs/Mr/Dr): \_\_\_\_\_

Your given Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I require a tax deductible receipt for this donation:  Yes  No

I would like to make a regular contribution - please contact Sarah Fraser O'Brien  
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Denise, Shelley and Sarah from the Foundation.

## HIGH TEA SUCCESS

### Sisters of the Good Samaritan Foundation High Tea

Wednesday June 1, 2011

The beautiful Victoria Park Golf Club Marquee Room, superb with giant chandeliers and sparkling city views was a wonderful venue for the Foundation's High Tea.

There were close to 150 guests including many local and state politicians, senior executives, government representatives, many long term supporters and women and men who, for the first time, learnt about the "Good Sams", their Foundation and ministries.

During this important event we profiled our unique history and outlined our future vision. Sr Carmel Pattinson spoke about becoming a Sister and the unique history of the Sisters. "Refuge" and "Education" were two key words which threaded Carmel's story of the Good Sams over the past 150 years.

The Foundation's new Business Manager, Sarah Fraser O'Brien spoke about the current projects throughout Australia and overseas and the situation in which the Sisters find themselves today. To be relevant a modern Foundation must continue changing with the times. All responded positively to the Foundation's new look website and strategy of building awareness and strengthening relationships.

Terry Nodwell, Marketing and Promotions Manager of Energex, the Corporate Sponsor of the High Tea, was moved to tears as he praised the importance of the Good Sams Foundation and acknowledged the role of Lisa Newman in her work to change the lives of homeless women in Brisbane.

Dynamic guest speaker, Mrs Lisa Newman spoke from the heart on homelessness and domestic violence. Lisa continues to be a strong supporter of the Foundation.

Also in attendance were Mrs Ann Quirk, Lady Mayoress, Karen Struthers, Minister for Community Services and Housing and Minister for Women, State MP Fiona Simpson, Local Member for Aspley Tracey Davis, Meredith Newman representing Senator Claire Moore, Robert Reed from Minter Ellison and Natalie Prince from CEO Challenge. It was also a delight to welcome Mrs Kim Swan and her daughter Erinn.

The lucky door prize, a trip for 3 in a 20 min scenic helicopter flight, courtesy of Chopperline on the Sunshine Coast, was one of many quality prizes donated by friends and supporters. The Chopper ride, won by Sr Leonie D'Arcy, will be a thrilling experience for her and her companions. Bernie Hollett, a Member of the Foundation's Board was the able MC of the event

We want to thank the many staff, volunteers and friends who assisted in any way in the planning of the High Tea and those who were on hand on the day to ensure its success.



## MAKE A LIFE CHANGING DECISION – OUR BEQUEST PROGRAM

Bequests are a simple yet incredibly powerful way to provide support for the causes that matter the most to you.

A provision in your will for the Good Sams Foundation will help ensure that the legacy of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan in supporting those in need, continues into the future. You can help by giving a specific amount of money or a share of your estate.

The following standard wording can be used:

"I bequeath (insert percentage of estate or specific money) to the Sisters of the Good Samaritan Foundation to be applied for the charitable purpose of the Foundation and I declare that the receipt of the Foundation will be full and sufficient discharge for my executor".

Your bequest will be helping disadvantaged women and children long after you have gone.

If you would like to discuss ways in which your legacy can continue please contact Sarah Fraser O'Brien, Business Manager on 07 3350 4032. Sarah will be more than happy to meet with you.



## REMEMBRANCE

We remember with deep appreciation to those Sisters and Donors who have died in the last 6 months.

## IN SEARCH - VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to make a difference in the community?

The Good Sams Foundation would love your help. With limited administrative staff and so much to do, we welcome volunteers who can donate time and expertise in whatever capacity.

Do you have qualifications in administration, project management, social work or accounting? Or perhaps you would like to help us organise an event or raise some money – every little bit makes a difference.

The volunteer program of the Good Sams Foundation is based on a reciprocal model that ensures that the needs of the volunteer are taken into account. The Good Sams Foundation welcomes people of all ages, from all walks of life, with all levels of education and from all parts of the wider community. Becoming a volunteer for the Good Sams Foundation provides you with:

- An interesting and dynamic work place
- A chance to update your skills in a supportive environment
- Friendship and social contact
- An opportunity to play a vital part in life-saving work
- A step toward moving back into paid work

To find out more, please speak with Sarah Fraser O'Brien on 07 3350 4032 today.

## FEEDBACK SECTION

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan Foundation invites your comments and suggestions.

- In your opinion, how can the Foundation better serve the Sisters of the Good Samaritan Congregation?
- What do we do well?
- Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for the Business Manager at the Foundation?

Please email your comments directly to [sfraserobrien@goodsamsfoundation.org.au](mailto:sfraserobrien@goodsamsfoundation.org.au) or send a letter to Sarah Fraser O'Brien at PO Box 260 Wavell Heights QLD 4012

## PROFILE OF THE FOUNDATION TEAM

Denise Riley has worked within the Foundation for three years as the Administration Manager. She is inspired by helping people in the community.

Our highly skilled Support Worker, Shelley manages the supported accommodation project and responds to the needs of the women and children who have been victims of domestic violence.

Overseeing the Foundation's operations and management is Sarah Fraser O'Brien. With a background in business and change management, Sarah is inspired by the history of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. She wants to ensure that the Good Sam spirit and projects continue into the future.



Cr Tracey Davis, Lisa Newman, Fiona Simpson MP and Sarah Fraser O'Brien (Foundation Business Manager).