

HELP WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN CRISIS THIS CHRISTMAS?

The Good Samaritan Foundation manages two key projects in Australia - dedicated to providing safe accommodation for women and children escaping domestic violence and who would otherwise find themselves homeless. The Good Samaritan Inn provides crisis accommodation in Melbourne and the Foundations 'Supported Accommodation' team in manage five 'safe houses' in Brisbane.

Donation Amounts

- \$25 will buy a toy and bring a smile to a child in care.
- \$60 will provide some pampering relief to a Mum in need.
- \$100 will mean a family can shop for the basic necessities they need to begin a new life free from violence.
- \$200 will provide a traumatized child with a session of play therapy to help them begin to heal from the trauma they have witnessed.
- \$1000 will contribute towards providing a safe, shaded communal space where children and mums can play and heal together.
- \$1500 will enable the Foundation to run a community workshop session on identifying & understanding domestic violence and presenting practical support options.

Online donations – www.goodsamsfoundation.org.au

We rely on the generous support of the public to help bring an end to domestic violence.

THANK YOU SARAH THOMAS!

Australian artist Sarah Thomas has generously permitted the use of her art on the wine labels which adorn the bottles in this year's Christmas Appeal. The net effect is a stylish and modern customised bottle of fine Australian wine - something the Foundation is very proud of producing.



"I'm very happy to support such a worthwhile cause and it'll be a thrill to see my artwork on a bottle of wine!" said Sarah Thomas.

Sarah's work is regularly shown in galleries in Noosa, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, and Byron Bay. She has also exhibited in Italy and France.

For more information on artist Sarah Thomas and her beautiful work please visit www.editionsnoosa.com

NEW FOUNDATION PROGRAM FOR 2012 – "BREAKING THE SILENCE"

The Good Sams Foundation has just received a grant from Kedron Wavell Services Club to run the "Breaking the Silence" project in a selected number of Brisbane schools.



This program aims to address this and to:

- Increase awareness about and the understanding of the many forms that domestic violence can take (example: verbal abuse, financial abuse, stalking, physical abuse).
- Deepen both male and female students understanding of the context and nature of violence against women and children in Australia
- Discuss some of the myths and misconceptions – identify appropriate and in-appropriate behaviour. Fostering respectful behaviour – what does this mean?
- Provide resources – what to do if help is needed including appropriate websites targeting teenagers



Queensland Governor, Ms Penelope Wensley AC received Foundation Business Manager Sarah Fraser O'Brien and Sr Pauline Coll at Government House (Sept 15)

CHAIR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



I had the privilege recently of hearing an inspiring talk give by Sister Una O'Neill, RSC (a former Congregation Leader of the Irish Sisters of Charity). Her topic was the spirituality of the present moment.

Sister Una emphasised that in our lives we should not separate the human from the Holy. It is the quality of our presence to others

that is most important. Our lives need to be credible and we ought to be true to our commitments.

It struck me that the Ministries of the Good Samaritan Sisters that the Foundation supports provide a great example to us all. In these Ministries the Sisters and their lay co-operators in Ministry do not separate the human from the Holy. It has always been the quality of the Good Samaritan Sisters' presence to others in their Ministries that has stood out. The Sisters (through their Ministries) live credible lives which are true to their vowed commitments.

The Foundation is privileged to support these Ministries and as Christmas approaches I urge your continued financial support (through the Foundation) of these Ministries.

I wish a blessed and peaceful Christmas to all.

Pat Mullins
Chair

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FROM THE DESK OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Dear Friends,

Since our last newsletter, the Foundation has created a new business structure with Tracy Warren's appointment as Administration and Accounts Manager. Plans are in place to run national Foundation events in 2012 and work more closely with other Good Sams Ministries. We have met with the Governor General, Her Excellency, Ms Quentin Bryce and discussed the opportunity of holding an event in Sydney with Ms Bryce as guest of honour. Other meetings have included council will Queensland's Governor, Ms Penelope Wensley, and the Executive Officer of CEO Challenge regarding Corporate Sponsorships of both the Good Samaritan Inn and Supported Accommodation in Brisbane.

We are delighted to present the 2011 Christmas Appeal – our very own fine Australian wine selection, uniquely packaged as "The Good Grape" range. With something to tempt all palates– either as gifts or as a special Christmas indulgence. Much planning and tasting has gone into the selections on offer. Only quality Australian wines that will not disappoint have been chosen. You can make your purchase knowing that the money raised from the wine sales will go directly to granting a special wish for a Good Sams Ministry.

Great things cannot be achieved without the endeavours of many and I would like to personally thank the following who have gone 'above and beyond' over the last 6 months to help lay the bricks of the Good Sams Foundation.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas.

Sarah Fraser O'Brien



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 \$25 \$50 \$60 \$100 \$200 \$1000 \$1500 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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IT'S OUR ANNIVERSARY



Sarah Fraser O'Brien, Sr Kerin Caldwell, Sr Michelle Reid

This year has been so special. The Good Samaritan Inn has reached an important milestone – 15 years of Caring!

Paul Kelly's song, "From Little Things Big Things Grow" is certainly true! All of us who work at the Inn are in a privileged position where we can open the doors of the Inn and welcome women and children who are homeless.



Bringing women and children into the Inn is special. Watching their faces change from anxiety, fear, and often exhaustion, to a look of calm and feeling supported, is a constant joy and source of surprise.

During our 15th year we hosted our annual Dinner Dance and raised a record-breaking \$10,000!! Through generous support from our various donors and supporters we have also raised over \$5,000 with our campaign for 'Donating \$1 for Every Year of Service'. It's amazing how quickly donations of \$15 can add up!

BRISBANE GOOD SAMS GALLOPING FUNDRAISER

Fashion stakes were high and hats rivalled even those at Flemington when 130 supporters gathered at the new Good Samaritan Hall at St Peter and Pauls Primary School, Bulimba to celebrate the Melbourne Cup.

The annual event was a sterling success with over \$15,000 raised for the Foundation. Our grateful thanks to all those who helped to make this event such a huge success including veteran organiser Sr Mary Randle, Sr Mary Roche, Sr Bernadette McDonnell and the Sisters of the Hawthorne Community, with much support from the Lourdes Hill Community.

The venue was a hive of activity with the ever popular sweeps, raffle tickets and goods to sell, organised by Friends of the Foundation. The new AV and enormous screen added to the excitement as the tempo picked up toward race time. It was also a perfect venue to launch the 2011 Christmas Appeal and range of Good Samaritan wines.

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TRACY WARREN

Foundations new Admin and Accounts Manager

What attracted you to working with the Good Sams Foundation?



"The desire to be involved with something meaningful was very high on my list of priorities. I love the idea of implementing systems and using my organizational skills. To do that for something as worthwhile and rewarding as Good Sams Foundation is extremely satisfying."

RECOGNISING A TRUE 'FRIEND OF THE FOUNDATION'

Since the Foundations inception over 11 years ago there has been a 'Good Samaritan' in Port Fairy by the name of Fr. Lawrie O'Toole who has consistently inspired and motivated residents and parishioners to raise money for our overseas ministries. We are immensely grateful to Fr Lawrie, Kathleen Finnigan, co-ordinator Mary Gibb and everyone associated with the Morning Coffee Party. The annual event, held in September, generated nearly \$4000 for the Foundation.



THE GOOD SAMS FOUNDATION 2012 CHRISTMAS APPEAL

What is the 'Special Christmas Offer?'

- Purchase a case of fine Australian wine for Christmas - either as a present or for your own enjoyment during the festive season.
- The fine wine selection normally retails at \$20 per bottle

How will it help the Good Sams Foundation?

- A percentage of the sale from each case of wine will be directed to the Good Sams Foundation '2011 Christmas Appeal'

Money raised through this Appeal will grant the following wishes:

Ministry	Our Christmas Wish
Santa Teresa	Purchase a laptop and printer for the women within the Spirituality Centre so they can be taught basic bookkeeping for the projects and be able to record stock and sales themselves, issuing receipts and invoices. Money raised will buy an electric stove for the Centre so that women can heat up food and prepare a meal in winter.
Good Samaritan Inn	Help fund a 'schools prevention' campaign - educating students on domestic violence awareness and fostering healthy relationships. Fund brochures and staff costs associated with this project.
Supported Accommodation, Brisbane	Up skill staff and provide them with external property management training (as required by law). This means that their Foundation can reduce operational expenses by bringing this function 'in house'.
Kinder School, Philippines	With over 127 children from very poor families the Appeal will ensure toys and clothing is provided for students in the new school year.
Early childhood Centre, Kiribati	Money raised will help children in the form of new classroom equipment and clothing.

How does it work?

- A case of wine (made up of any selection of 12 wines) can be purchased for a flat fee of \$180
- Delivery is FREE anywhere in Australia
- Simply send the order form directly to Wine Experience (via email/ fax/phone)
- The delivery is arranged by Wine Experience in Brisbane
- The Good Sams Foundation receive weekly updates (report as to wine sales) at regular intervals. We receive a cheque from Wine Experience at the conclusion of the Appeal.
- The offer closes on 31 December 2011

Who is involved?

- The arrangement is with Wine Experience (www.wineexperience.com.au) – they are quality wine merchants based in Paddington, Brisbane and the Good Sams Foundation.
- If you have any queries please contact Sarah Fraser O'Brien 07 3350 4032 or admin@goodsamsfoundation.org.au

THE FOUNDATIONS CHRISTMAS WISH

Over the last six months, the Team at the Foundation have been working very hard behind the scenes streamlining the operation, improving systems and planning for the future. In 2012 we hope to co-ordinate Foundation events in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane and unite the Friends of the Foundation across the country. Our Christmas wish is that all readers visit our new website – www.goodsamsfoundation.org.au and become our 'Friends' on Facebook. It's the fastest way to keep up to date with activities and the latest news throughout the year.



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