

CITYCARE UPDATE



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is an expression of Hillsong Church, engaging our local communities with the desire to see healthy individuals, families, & communities.

A NOTE FROM OUR COO

In this Q4 update for 2023, we're delighted to share the incredible outcomes made possible by your ongoing support. Across 21 Safe Spaces, we engaged with 8,063 youth, while our SHINEgirl and STRENGTH courses connected with a combined total of 1,441 participants. SHINEwomen empowered 120 individuals, and our community Playgroups provided social connection, support, and resilience to 4,246 children and families. The CityCare team accomplished outstanding results during our busiest quarter, while also outworking our Christmas campaign, and I am very proud of them!

The highlight of this update is the resounding success of the Kilo of Christmas Campaign, which distributed 7,008 food hampers and 5,156 toy packs. Notably, Pack and Wraps events across Australia witnessed our largest turnout ever, and we extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in these events nationwide. The Christmas spirit was in full force!

Your continued generosity remains the driving force behind the success of CityCare. Thank you for making a meaningful impact and being a crucial part of our achievements!

Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

- Jono Denton, COO CityCare Australia



OUR VISION

CityCare exists to build hope with vulnerable communities through programs and partnerships that foster healthy families and create safe inclusive communities, for the peace and wellbeing of the city.

OUR MISSION

Building hope with vulnerable communities.

OUR CORE VALUES

Empowerment, Quality and Effectiveness, Partnership, Leadership and Accountability.

OUR TARGET GROUPS

Youth, Women, Children and Families.

OUR OBJECTIVE

To partner with communities to address poverty and its causes, through programs and partnerships that empower the next generation, foster healthy families, and create safe, inclusive communities.

A teacher approached us to express gratitude and curiosity about our Safe Space. It turns out that our lunch program is making a significant difference in the students' lives. Many of them are arriving at class in high spirits with a more positive attitude, creating a noticeable impact in the school environment. We're grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the well-being of the students, and it's inspiring to see the positive change our efforts are bringing about.

- Amy, TAS Community Worker

TERM 4 RECAP

Our team commenced Term 4 with great momentum to conclude the year on a positive note! We initiated two new Playgroups and established three additional Safe Spaces. The encouraging feedback from several partners underscores the tangible impact our programs are making on students and families.

In Term 4, we also launched our annual Christmas campaign, Kilo of Christmas! The 2023 target was to distribute 7,000 food hampers and 5,000 toy packs. Thanks to the generosity of our church community, we surpassed expectations by distributing 7,008 food hampers and 5,156 toy packs!

As we eagerly look forward to 2024, our team is excited to commence the new year and embrace all the possibilities it will bring, having built strong connections and trust with our partners.

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED

- A successful Kilo of Christmas campaign! Distributing 141,612 food items and toys to over 9,000 families need extra support this season.
- One of our QLD schools trialed Shinegirl for Year 6, and it worked well. The school told our team that they see the impact of Shinegirl and Strength changing the culture of their school and have asked to run ShineWomen their female staff.
- Safe Space expanding into schools & shopping centres, and hearing the positive feedback from both police and teachers on the impact the program is having.
- Seeing Shine and Strength become an extension of their several schools' wellbeing programs.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Number of **Safe Spaces**: 21
Attendance: 8,063

SHINEgirl courses: 20
Attendance: 896

STRENGTH courses: 14
Attendance: 545

WOMEN

SHINEWomen courses: 3
Attendance: 120

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Number of **Playgroups**: 12
Attendance: 4,246

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Number of **Safe Spaces**: 2
Attendance: 95

CAMPAIGNS & CRISIS RELIEF

361 Emergency Food Relief Hampers distributed.

7,008 Kilo of Christmas Food hampers distributed.

5,156 Kilo of Christmas Toy packs distributed.

A new mum attended on of our Playgroups this term, and she opened up to our team that she was leaving a domestic violence situation. They team was able to provide for her essential assistance, offering not only food but also that necessary items for her and her baby. It's a testament to the positive impact that community support can have on those going through challenging times.

- Madison, NSW Community Worker

GET INVOLVED

There are a variety of ways for you to get involved with CityCare, whether you're able to give your time, skills or resources.

PRAY

Pray for our programs and the many participants involved in them. Pray for City-Care staff, volunteers and partner organisations, that our work will continue to be transformational, build hope and create safe, inclusive communities.

GIVE

Every contribution to CityCare Australia helps to provide tangible response and bring about positive change for youth, children, families and women in our nation. All giving to CityCare Australia over \$2 is tax deductible.

VOLUNTEER

We have fantastic volunteer opportunities across many of our CityCare programs.

If you would like to connect with our team about what volunteer opportunities are currently available, please click the link below.