CITYCARE UPDATE



A NOTE FROM OUR COO

Reflecting on the first quarter, I'm proud of CityCare's progress. Our team's commitment to impactful programs and community partnerships has laid a strong foundation. The return of our CityCare teams to campus locations, particularly at Hills at the Hub, has enhanced our efforts and improved program engagement.

The development of our Community Safe Space criteria provides essential support for vulnerable populations. Furthermore, our "Love Thy Neighbour" Easter campaign focuses on combating homelessness through practical aid.

These achievements highlight our dedication to 'Building Hope with Vulnerable Communities' and they wouldn't have been possible without the generous support of our congregation. Your ongoing partnership is vital to furthering our mission. Thank you for your unwavering support and belief in our work.

-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.

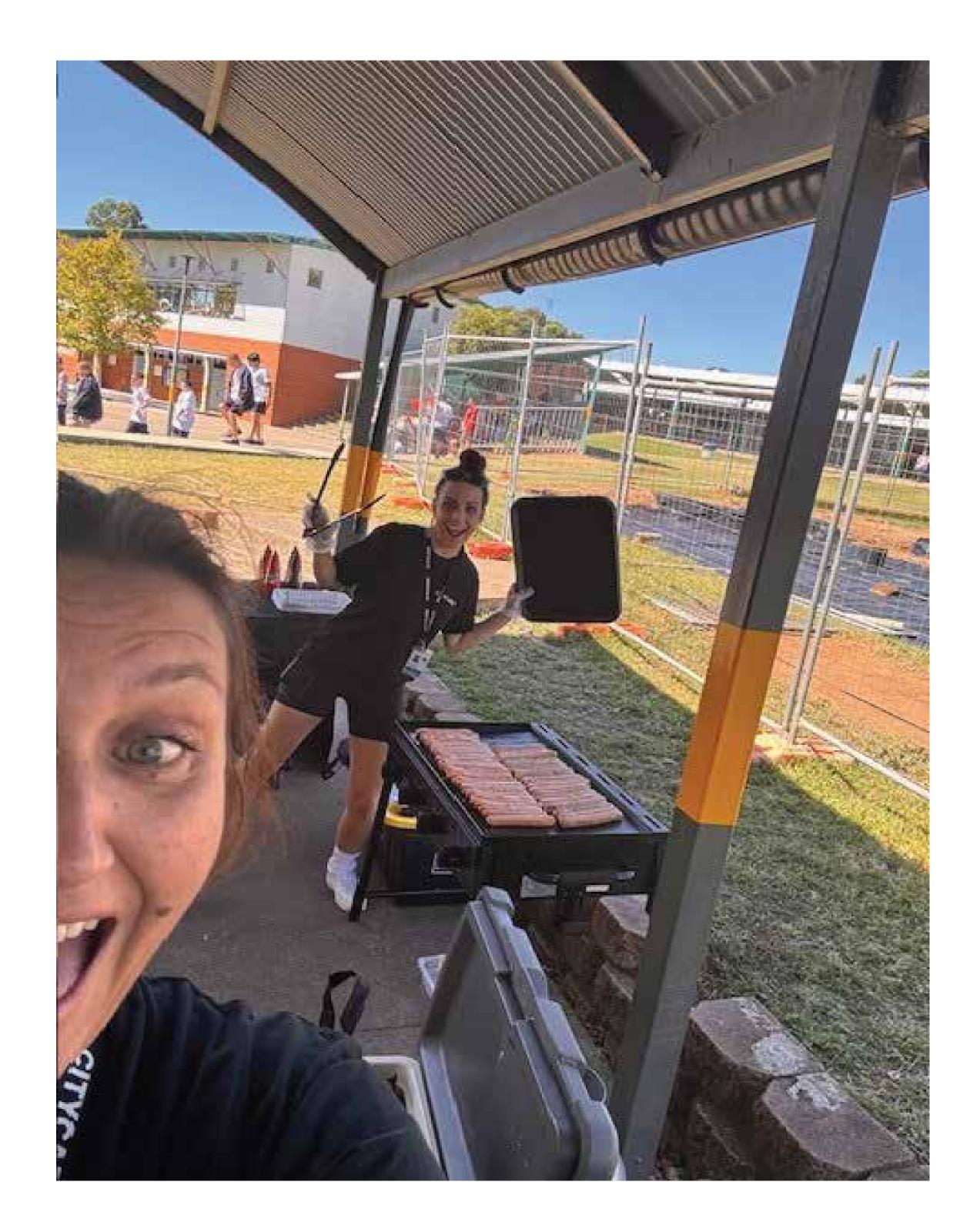
OUR OBJECTIVE

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.

One child has gained a significant amount of independence and self-assurance through attending Playgroup, which has resulted in her mum being able to leave her in care to take on some occasional work in order to support her daughter. It has been a challenging period for the mother due to the persistent presence of separation anxiety, making it a relief to witness a positive shift for both of them. The child's newfound confidence seems to have alleviated some of the mother's worries, paving the way for a more balanced and manageable routine for them both. It has been encouraging to see this change and how the activities in our program has helped to provide a sense of reassurance to both mother and daughter.

- Belinda Smith, NSW South Community Worker





GUARTER ONE RECAP

In the first quarter, our teams have been actively launching programs and building new relationships within the community in preparation for next term. Exciting new partnerships have been established, setting a strong foundation for future initiatives.

Over the past year, our CityCare teams have been transitioning back to various campus buildings. The team at Hills was the last to move and relocated to the Hub in February, marking the first time CityCare at Hills has been based on site. This shift has been a positive one, significantly boosting engagement in our programs.

We have also been focusing on creating the criteria for our Community Safe Space, with the aim to launch programs shortly! Community Safe Spaces will aim to provide a consistent meeting place is provided for vulnerable individuals and families to increase opportunity for social connection and access to local services and support.

LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR

We launched the Love Thy Neighbour Easter campaign in this quarter. CityCare campaigns aim to help restore dignity and hope to the hurting and vulnerable in our communities by providing practical ways that we as a church can support our community. This year the focus was on providing our community homelessness, partners with packs of essential items filled with warm clothing, hygiene products and food items, to those who need them most.

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED...

- Harmony Day BBQ at Quakers Hill High drew hundreds of students.
- Increased volunteer engagement and training in QLD.
- Our South West Campus making greate connections with two local organisations who would to partner with us to run a Commuity Safe Space.
- Continuing to run the SHINE Women course in a Women's prison.
- Launching 3 SHINEGirl & Strength programs in QLD schools.
- Witnessing the ongoing positive impact of our programs on participants.

PROGRAM STATISTICS

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YOUTH PROGRAMS

Number of **Safe Spaces**: 15 Attendance: 8,386

SHINEGirl courses: 13 Attendance: 789

FAMILIES & COMMUNITY

Number of **Playgroups**: 10 Attendance: 3,819

STRENGTH for Men courses: 1 Attendance: 34

111 Emergency Food Relief Hampers distributed.

STRENGTH courses: 4 Attendance: 255

Youth Events: 1 Attendance: 350

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Number of organisations: 39

We had a fantastic start to SHINEGirl in one of our regular schools. In the short time they were involved in the program, each student was profoundly impacted, and we witnessed significant transformation in all of them. Many friendships blossomed among the girls and continued beyond the classroom. Each of the girls mentioned how this course provided a safe space for them to share and be vulnerable.

The school's supervisor was also impressed by the quality of the SHINEGIRI program and noted that it stands out from other groups that visit the school.

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



GIVE

contribution Every to CityCare Australia helps to provide tangible response and bring about positive change for youth, children, families and women in our All giving nation. 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.