

MAKING A LASTING DIFFERENCE



30 years
& building



2018 FINANCIAL YEAR IMPACT

55

STUDIOS BUILT

32 ONE-BED

23 TWO-BED



128

FUNDRAISING
EVENTS HELD
WITHIN THE
COMMUNITY



244

VOLUNTEERS



78

NEW YOUNG
PEOPLE
ACCOMMODATED



4,111

CARS
DONATED

180

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED
TO YOUNG PEOPLE FOR
EDUCATION OR TRAINING



504

STUDIOS
ON THE GROUND
30 JUNE 2018

KIDS UNDER COVER

Kids Under Cover has been working hard for 30 years to prevent youth homelessness. We support vulnerable and disadvantaged young people between the ages of 12 and 25 years who are either already homeless or at risk of homelessness.

At the heart of our work is our Studio Program. One- or two-bedroom studios – with bathroom, are built in the backyards of a family or carer's home. This provides secure and stable accommodation for young people at risk of homelessness. The only not-for-profit organisation in Australia delivering the unique combination of studio accommodation and education scholarships as a practical and proven strategy in preventing youth homelessness. It is Kids Under Cover's mission to provide young people at risk of homelessness the foundations to strengthen their connection to family, community, and education.

Visit kuc.org.au for more information

OUR VISION

Where no young person
in our community
is homeless.



OUR MISSION

Providing young people at
risk of homelessness the
foundations to strengthen their
connection to family, community
and education and make a
lasting difference in their lives.



OUR VALUES

- Empathy
- Collaboration
- Resilience
- Engagement
- Integrity



YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

Young people usually don't fit the stereotype of homelessness. They are rarely seen sleeping on city streets, camped out in tents in a public park, or in refuges and shelters. Many young people couch-surf with friends or extended family, or cram into overcrowded accommodation. They may not be sleeping rough, but they're no less homeless.

Many believe they are better off living away from home permanently. Sometimes the pressures of an overcrowded home coupled with the burden of mental health issues, trauma or grief, mean young people feel they don't have a choice but to leave.

SEAN'S* STORY

In April 2018 thanks to the support of people like you we provided a one-bedroom studio to a young person at serious risk of homelessness.

Prior to the studio being delivered, the family of four were living in a tiny three-bedroom home. At different times taking it in turn to sleep in a re-purposed lounge room. The makeshift bedroom provided no privacy or stability for Sean, who was dealing with the effects of multiple traumas experienced in his short life. Often engaging in risk-taking behaviour, the young person's social and emotional responses to the overcrowding lead to violent outbursts eventuating in stints away from the family home in the care of the State.

Once a young person enters out-of-home care the risk of eventual homelessness is increased, disengagement from family and friends, community and education high. Where possible the preferred option is to keep a young person connected to family.

Moving back to the family home was not an option unless he could be accommodated with his own room. To reunite the young person with his family the additional space of a Kids Under Cover studio was required.

Since the installation of the studio Sean has been reunited with his family and able to re-engage with education. He now has a dedicated space to study and develop some independent living skills, whilst working on improving his mental health.

“ Having him home now means we can connect again as a family. His mental stability is better, and I know where he is, I don't have to worry. Thank you, I can't tell you how much this has changed things. ”

Sean's mum

The Kids Under Cover Studio Program is such an imperative early intervention strategy in the fight against youth homelessness. 2016 Census data reveals 44% of the homeless population are living in severely crowded dwellings.

Many young people are forced out of home prematurely because of an overcrowded living situation, often leading to couch-surfing which can trigger the beginning of years of homelessness.

Overcrowding creates a lack of space and privacy. Young people living in severely overcrowded homes often have no space to study, no privacy or stability.

That's why, your support and belief in what we do is crucial in our fight for a community where no young person is homeless.

Find out more at kuc.org.au

*Name has been changed to protect identity of young person

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

There are a variety of ways to be involved in the work we do at Kids Under Cover. Without the support of like-minded people, we could not continue to pursue our vision of a community where no young person is homeless.



MAKE A DONATION

Every donation, large and small, makes a difference. You can donate easily online at kuc.org.au OR call us 1800 801 633.



DONATE YOUR CAR®

Our Donate Your Car® program is free, tax-deductible, and a fast alternative to selling or trading your vehicle.



FUNDRAISE FOR US

There are many opportunities to fundraise for us throughout the year, from taking part in a fun run to holding your own event.



WORKPLACE GIVING

A regular, pre-tax donation straight from your pay is easy to setup and you receive tax benefits.



CORPORATE BUILD PROGRAM

Build your team while building a brighter future for young people. For partners who fund a studio, Kids Under Cover can provide a unique team building experience for staff and other volunteers.



REGULAR GIVING

Much like workplace giving, regular giving is a commitment to donate on a regular basis.



LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

Choosing to leave a bequest is a lasting and generous legacy, which will benefit young people beyond your lifetime.



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are the backbone of many things we do throughout the year. Often we have opportunities to become involved as a volunteer at our events, in the office and at other community fundraising events.

Find out more about our work and ways to get involved by visiting;

kuc.org.au | donateyourcar.org.au | boardforacause.org.au