



Charity Youth Programs

An Initiative of the Property Industry Foundation



St Vincent De Paul Society Youth Outreach *Deewhy* est 1985

Youth Outreach is a dedicated program within the St Vincent de Paul Society which focuses on counselling and teaching lifestyle skills to survive in everyday life. Vinnies Youth is a broad term to encompass all ages and groups of volunteers including Young Adults, Young Vinnies (High School and Colleges) and Mini Vinnies (Primary Schools). "The mission of Youth Reach is to provide youth with care and support so that they can each grow as a whole person towards their full potential."

How do they help youth homelessness and young people at risk?

Youth Outreach helps a significant number of young people in crisis who are affected by homelessness, family breakdown, substance abuse, domestic violence, problem gambling and unemployment. Trained staff supervise young people and involve them a range of activities that challenge the youths to improve their lives themselves.

Educational programs and individual advice are provided on issues such as drugs, sexuality, and establishing healthy relationships Youth are supported in starting new jobs and also in the costs of fees, books and equipment necessary for educational programs and accredited courses. Staff act as advocate for them when dealing with the legal system, health system, government agencies, landlords and other agencies as well as giving personal assistance with resumes and job seeking. To assist street youth, bathroom and laundry facilities are also provided.

What is the project that PIF is funding?

PIF provided sponsorship towards dedicated Youth Caseworker and program facilitator, who conducts individual case management for adolescents in crisis, in a safe environment 5 days each week, by assisting them in coping with the basics of day-to-day survival and establishing a healthier lifestyle. Youths have participated in a variety of programs, to better their future prospects within the community. They are also trained facilitators in helping troubled youths with family mediation counselling. These activities include Living Skills Program drug and alcohol counselling. RUSH (Responsive User Services in Health, and forums on "Alcohol and Other Drugs", Anger Management programs, Sport & Recreation programs.

Why did PIF believe that the project needed funding assistance?

Property Industry Foundation supports Youth Reach which fills a gap in the services available to young people on the Northern Beaches. Its aim is to support youth from all ethnic backgrounds, including Aboriginal affected by homelessness. As a result of this funding, the centre can continue to offer young people life skill programs and opportunities so they can deal with crisis circumstances and regain effective control of their lives.

Total cost of this program?

1st Year: \$45,000
2nd Year: \$45,000
3rd Year: \$47 671
4th Year: \$ 48 000
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How much did the PIF Board approve for this program?

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