

PANCAKE DAY NEWS

Flipping fun for a good cause



Above: Vollies Andrew and Mark preparing a mattress for a family in need.

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Real Results

Thank you to you, our wonderful supporters! With just under \$30,000 raised this year Pancake Day has been able to support some very worthy UnitingCare projects.

Seen above, **UnitingCare Copper Triangle** wanted to improve working conditions for the volunteers who perform their tasks with enthusiasm and commitment. They are valued! The grant to UCCT reduces physical risk to volunteers in the Emergency Relocation service for the Copper Coast community. Two bays of industrial racking for mattresses have now been installed in their furniture storage facility to reduce handling of the bulky items, leading to a safer work environment. UCCT has responded to 371 emergency relocations over the past nine years, with situations ranging from relocating after a house fire to escaping family violence. UCCT provides furniture, bedding and kitchen basics when a family is faced with arriving at their new home with little or no furniture.

UnitingCare Mount Gambier runs Emergency Services at the southern tip of SA. Due to the government support of the program, there is a lot of reporting that needs to be done. This year, Pancake Day paid for MYOB software to be installed to speed up the bookkeeping and allow the volunteers to focus on their clients.



Big smiles at the Pancake Day event at UnitingCare Wesley Port Adelaide



Above Left: UnitingCare Glenelg working bee, Centre: Marta and Jan with the new freezers, Right: breakfast programs in five local schools

Your support makes a difference!

At UnitingCare Glenelg the Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) model helps to shape the way they engage with the people around them. ABCD is a way of working with people that looks for what they have to offer (their assets) and how they can use those assets to better their community. Friendship Café is a UnitingCare Glenelg program which has been a long-term partner with Pancake Day. They serve up a warm meal and lots of friendly conversation with their community. In the ABCD model, people who come to Friendship Café for a meal are now the people who have skills and talents to offer! The photo above is a working bee at UCG where participants are learning to sew by making their own uniform aprons.

Uniting in Care, Salisbury runs emergency relief services and a Wednesday community lunch each week. Both of these services are heavily reliant on functioning freezers to store donated food for use and distribution. Without the freezers, the food would go to waste before it could all be given to people in need. Pancake Day funds were used to buy new freezers for these vital community programs.

UnitingCare Wesley Port Adelaide will be able to help more people in need this year, thanks to funds received through UnitingCare Pancake Day SA. UCWPA has been given funds to put towards supermarket vouchers for families and individuals who turn to the organisation's Emergency Relief program for support. The vouchers will be distributed to people who would otherwise have to be turned away because their visa status precludes them from obtaining government-funded financial assistance. UCWPA Youth and Family Services Manager Angela De Conno says the Pancake Day funds mean families can obtain the support they need to put food on the table and buy other necessities. "These funds mean the difference between us having to turn someone away and being able to say, 'Here, we can help you,'" Ms De Conno says. "We are so thankful for the funds and know it will make a huge difference in the lives of people in need."

UCare Gawler has been running Emergency Relief services for the Gawler and Barossa region for over 30 years. Having a comfortable and professional looking place to turn to in a time of need is an important part of giving people dignity. That's why Pancake Day has given a small grant for the purchase of new office furniture. But the really exciting Pancake Day grant was for the breakfast program at five local public schools. According to Foodbank around three students in every class arrive at school hungry and schools providing breakfast to students overwhelmingly believe this contributes to student physical (97%) and mental (91%) health as well as good student relations.*

* Foodbank Hunger in the Classroom Report May 2015



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