



*“We are prone to judge our success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobiles, rather than by the quality of our service relationship to humanity.”*

*Dr Martin Luther King, Jr.*

We have been reflecting on what success means for our families and our service:

### ***Success for families means:***

- **Having a place to call home.** This gives them a sense of security and stability which is the first building block to all future success.
- **Children experience a more positive pathway than their parents.** They are cared for and they feel they belong. They have a school bag, shoes, and lunch. School is fun.
- **Babies and toddlers have access to a quality early childhood centre.** The centre at De Paul House is a happy space providing a quality learning environment.
- **Families make friends.** They realise that others have experienced homelessness and sadness and that they belong to a community that cares.
- **Adults participate in educational programmes, and develop skills for life.** Understanding how to manage your money, parenting skills, practical classes such as budget cooking, computer skills and literacy all

help to develop confidence and improve skills for future employment.

- **Families feel respected and listened to.** They are supported to independence once leaving our emergency accommodation. Families know that they can return to ask for advice and practical support.

Success is...  
For three years, Anne and her children lived in a garage. Anne was paying \$350 a week rent and had inherited significant debt after her marriage broke down. Inevitably, she struggled to cope on the minimum wage she was earning. After she and her children completed our residential programme, they were rehoused. Anne has just been appointed to a new administration job and now earns more than \$20 per hour. She says, “I always thought I was a nobody and now I am over the moon.” Her newfound success and energy make her an inspiring role model for her children.





## Success for De Paul House

- In 2016, of the 58 families who lived at De Paul House, 55 achieved housing. Without the skilled support and knowledge of our team and the honesty and courage of our families, this would not have been possible
- 92% of all expenditure is spent directly on our families.
- Government contracts have increased from approximately 20% to 33% of our annual income.



We could not have this **SUCCESS** without your support. You are essential to ensuring our stories of success continue.

*A mum's journey...*  
 Thank you for all your amazing support over the last 6 weeks. When I first came to De Paul House, I was struggling with a lot and financially unstable. I was looking for a way out and then this amazing opportunity came up for me and my babies. They have grown just as much as I have and it has been such a positive way to end a rough year. I've learnt so many useful skills I will carry into the future and utilise very much. You encourage women to be strong and independent...I've learnt you can't change others around you, but you can change yourself.



Please support us. Your financial contribution is essential and valued.

**Jan Rutledge**  
Manager

*Yes, I would like to help families to succeed.*

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