

Dear Friend,



“Christmas is a season for kindling the fire for hospitality in the home, the genial flame of charity in the heart.”

As we reflect on the past year, we could easily feel overwhelmed at the increasing demand we have faced in 2017. Or we could remember and celebrate our many successes in helping families make positive changes to their future.

Thank you for being an important part of these successes. Since 1986 De Paul House has rehoused 1718 children and 1249 adults. They represent families who have moved from homelessness to stability, from despair to hope.



### Learning Centre

The learning centre programme focuses on skills based classes including budgeting, money management, computer and literacy skills. A 12 week stop smoking programme has successfully seen smoking rates reduce hugely and at least 3 stop completely. This is a huge success, financially and health wise for these families.

**“I have started saving for the first time!”**

**‘I will be able to teach my children in the future how to stay away from debt.’**



### Christmas Facts...

**70**

FAMILIES REHOUSED IN 2017  
(95 ADULTS & 200 CHILDREN)

**2.5**

MONTH AVERAGE STAY IN RESIDENCE

**65**

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS NEEDED

**167**

CHILDREN ON XMAS GIFT LIST

### Successes & trends in 2017

- We opened 4 new homes in the community, doubling our capacity to 24 families living with us.
- Received over 428 calls for help, averaging 2 a day
- 50% of our families have a working adult
- The Learning Centre provided over 290 hours of class lessons

## Partnership with 20/20 Trust

This exciting computer skills certificated course has been hugely well received by our adults. They provide access for our families to low cost portable wi-fi, which families can take with them when they are rehoused. Next year many are continuing on to a work based skills course that will strengthen their employment options. The value of wi-fi access for our families, cannot be underestimated. It enables children and adults access to resources and learning. Thank you to 20/20 Trust for the donation of 5 new computers to the Learning centre.

## Early childhood centre

2017 has seen our busiest year with over 30 on the roll. Children thrive under the encouraging and loving care of staff and volunteers. Sadly we are seeing many children arriving without breakfast. The nutritious morning tea of milk, fresh fruit and sandwiches is eagerly awaited. Food poverty is a reality for our low income families and this year especially we have noted that fruit and milk is a luxury.

Your donations are essential to ensure that we can continue to meet the demand and make a huge impact on changing families' lives for the better.



## Christmas Blessings

For many of our families Christmas is just another pressure but with your help we work to remove much of the stress and anxiety and put joy back into their Christmas.

Will you partner with us to provide for vulnerable families at Christmas and in the coming year?

Our success is dependent on your generous donations and we say a huge thank you to all who have donated.



On behalf of our De Paul House families, volunteers, staff and board we wish you and your family a joyful Christmas and blessings in the New Year.

**JAN RUTLEDGE**  
Manager

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December 2017

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