

VINCENT'S PROJECT FOR THE HOMELESS 2018

Hello my name is Vincent. I am 13 years old and I am in year 8 at Sacred Heart College this year. Six years ago I decided to help the homeless of Perth by providing them with packs of toiletries and comfort items.

The many homeless people I saw on my walks with my grandparents into the city were my inspiration for my project. In particular, there were four people that I saw that I have not been able to forget.

- The first was a young man sleeping on cardboard.
- The second was a mum sitting on the floor crying. She had a piece of cardboard that said her husband kicked her out of her house with nothing.
- The third person had a horrible stench of wee and was dirty. He was asleep in a wheelchair on a bus.
- The fourth was pushing all his belongings in a shopping trolley.

People are homeless for different reasons. They could be sick and don't know how or where to get help. Some people have to leave home because of bad situations. Others may have lost their jobs and their things and have no money to pay for a place to stay.

It doesn't matter what the reason is, these people need help – whether it's food, a place to stay, warm clothes or someone to talk to. They need to know someone cares. Mum said we don't know how lucky we are to have family and friends that care about us and we have everything we need to keep us safe, warm and happy even if we don't get everything we want.

Each pack contains a pillow and pillowcase, towel and face washer, blanket, toothbrush and toothbrush container, toothpaste, soap and soap container, deodorant, hairbrush, razors and shaving cream, shampoo, a pack of tissues, a bottle of water, poncho, notepad and pen. The female bags also contain feminine hygiene items. The items are all put into a duffle bag and we then attach tags that read "Just to let you know that someone cares."

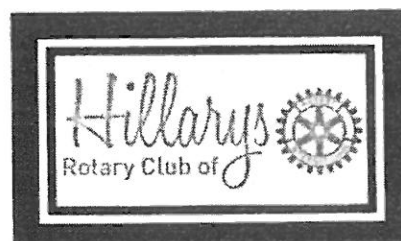
Since 2013 we have helped 4,075 people less fortunate than ourselves. Last year, the 1,845 packs we made were distributed to 23 charitable organisations or community groups to give out to those in need. Packs have reached as far north as Paraburdoo as well as Northam and around Perth, Fremantle, Guildford, Clarkson, Midland and Mirrabooka. Each year I'm approached by other charities asking to be included in the distribution run. Last year some of these included the Salvation Army (Doorways), Fresh Start Recovery Centre, Youth Futures and the Pat Giles Centre for Women.

I hope people respond to my request and the need of the homeless. It would be great to help many more homeless people. **My target for 2018 is 2,000 packs** and with the help of people like you I know we can reach it.

Just know that then when you can help someone else it makes you feel happy. It's not too hard to do, it is just showing kindness towards someone else. It is hard work, but it's worth it.

Thank you

My project is fully supported by:



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How you can help:

- Donate items as per the list;
- Donate money so that we can purchase the items we need;

Donations can be made to:

Monetary Gifts can be made to the following account:

Account Name: VA Pettinicchio's Project for the Homeless
BSB: 066160
Account No: 10881572

Or

Tax deductible donations can be made via Rotary Club of Hillarys, as per below.

Rotary Club of Hillarys Community Foundation Account
BSB: 016494
Account No: 266901287
Description: Vincents Project + Surname **(this is really important)**

Once a payment is made can you please email the following information to northsidebookkeeping@iinet.net.au so that a receipt can be issued by the Rotary Club of Hillarys:

Date of Payment
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If you have any queries please contact my mum (Pina) on **0408 350 332** or northsidebookkeeping@iinet.net.au.