

Partnering for Impact.



Seniors Living • Foster Care • Housing

Building stronger communities through partnership.



We put Christian faith into action to transform lives and enrich communities.

140⁺
YEARS
FAITH IN ACTION

Who are we?

We are one of Australia's largest not-for-profit service providers, supporting 25,000+ people every year across:

- housing
- children and families
- seniors living.

We are part of the fabric of local life in more than 100 communities, helping people navigate some of life's most complex and vulnerable moments.

What do we do?

For more than 140 years, Churches of Christ has walked alongside individuals, families and communities, providing care, support and hope when it is needed most.

We are driven by a simple but powerful purpose:

To provide opportunities for people to connect with Jesus as we meet the needs of those we serve.

What's our impact?

2,375+ People found housing with us

3,100+ Children and young people given hope and security through foster and kinship care

1,200+ Foster and kinship carers supported our vulnerable children

6,000+ Seniors cared for in their own home

300+ Volunteers in services

4,000+ Staff employed

Our story of care and connection



At Churches of Christ, we know meaningful change happens when people come together with a shared commitment to supporting and caring for others.

We see the impact of safe housing, stronger families and quality care for older people. Through the work we do, we see lives rebuilt, confidence restored, hope given and futures strengthened.

But we know we cannot do this alone.

The impact we create across Queensland and Victoria is shared by the generosity, expertise and commitment of our partners. Whether through financial support, in-kind contributions, advocacy or shared knowledge, you, our partners play a vital role in helping us respond to growing community needs and creating lasting change.

Partnering with Churches of Christ is about more than simply supporting a program or service. It is about generating opportunities for people to thrive. It is about helping a family find stability after crisis, supporting a child to reach their potential, or ensuring an older person experiences dignity, care and connection.

This brochure shares some of the stories, outcomes and community impact made possible through collaboration. And behind every number quoted is a person whose life has been positively changed because individuals and organisations chose to collaborate with us.

By partnering with Churches of Christ, you have the chance to make a meaningful difference in the lives of people and communities across Queensland and Victoria. Together, we can create hope, strengthen resilience and build brighter futures for those who need it most. Let's give those we serve this opportunity one person at a time to change the future.

Bill Lyon
CEO, Churches of Christ in Queensland

Giving children the chance to belong

Together we can change a child's story

Every young person deserves the chance to feel safe, valued and supported. Through our foster care, kinship care and youth support programs, Churches of Christ helps thousands of children and young people each year build confidence, independence and brighter futures. Together with our partners, we can reach even more young people when they need us most.



When caring becomes a calling

For more than a decade, Margaret* has opened her heart and home to children in need. What began as a passion for supporting young people grew into a lifelong commitment to foster care, creating safe and nurturing environments where children could feel valued, supported and loved.

After becoming a foster carer with Churches of Christ in 2007, Margaret quickly recognised the need for emergency and respite carers. Drawing on her own childhood experiences, Margaret has become a passionate advocate for children in care, always going the extra mile to ensure they feel heard, supported and empowered to thrive.

With the support of Churches of Christ, Margaret has helped change the lives of countless young people. Her story is a powerful reminder that every child deserves more than a place to stay. They deserve caring relationships, encouragement and the opportunity to build a brighter future. **Name changed for privacy.*

"When they stop coming into care, I'll stop caring for them," Margaret says. "And sadly, that day hasn't come yet."



Opening the door to a better future

Everyone deserves a place to call home.

A home is more than four walls and a roof. It is a place of safety, belonging and opportunity. Our Housing Services support individuals and families experiencing housing insecurity. Through funding, resources, and expertise, our partners play a vital role in helping create lasting change for those who need it most.



From uncertainty to stability

Samantha* and her three children know what it feels like to have nowhere to call home. While escaping domestic and family violence, they endured periods of homelessness – even living in their car at one stage.

Through Churches of Christ's Immediate Housing Response, they found more than a safe place to stay. They were met with care, practical support and people who walked alongside them in a time of crisis.

With that support, the family was able to move from uncertainty to stability, finally settling into a place they can call home, where safety, hope and a fresh start are possible.

Today, they are rebuilding their lives in a safe and secure home. **Name changed for privacy.*

"Churches of Christ has given me the security of a forever home and a life back that I thought I would never experience again."





Creating communities where people thrive

For many residents moving into the Churches of Christ social housing community at Slacks Creek, receiving the keys to a safe, affordable home was the beginning of a fresh start.

But a home is about more than four walls and a roof. It's about feeling connected, welcomed and part of something bigger.

Through the support of local partners, onsite staff and chaplaincy services, residents came together for barbecues, coffee mornings, cooking programs and wellbeing activities.

What began as shared gatherings soon grew into meaningful friendships and a strong sense of community.

Neighbours who were once strangers now look out for one another, celebrate milestones together and offer support when it's needed most.

Today, the facility is more than a housing complex. It's a place where people feel a sense of belonging, where connections flourish, and where individuals and families can build brighter futures with dignity, stability and hope.



"What began as a group of strangers in a building is transforming into a supportive network of neighbours."

Giving older Australians dignity and connection

Supporting meaningful lives at every age

Every older Australian deserves to feel safe, connected and cared for. As care needs change and social isolation becomes a growing challenge, Churches of Christ provides compassionate support that goes beyond daily care. Together with our partners, we help older Australians live with dignity, independence and a strong sense of belonging.

For Sheila*, a bus trip changed everything

Living in her own home, Sheila valued her independence and the familiar rhythm of her days. But when her family relocated, that rhythm began to quietly shift.

Without regular connection, the motivation to go out began to fade. And slowly, Sheila's world started to shrink.

When our Home Care Services team noticed the changes in Sheila's circumstances, they responded with care and understanding. Not with rushed solutions, but with a simple, thoughtful step forward: an opportunity to reconnect. A social outing. That first bus trip led to another. And then another.

Sheila's confidence grew. Her sense of routine returned. The quiet days were replaced with moments of joy and shared experience.

Sheila's story is a gentle but powerful reminder that ageing well isn't just about staying at home. It's about staying connected to people, to community and to life itself. Through compassionate, person-centred support, we help older Australians rediscover those vital connections ensuring their worlds don't grow smaller, but fuller. **Name changed for privacy.*



"Care is not just about meeting needs; it is about ensuring every person feels valued and known."





Embracing the flow and finding balance

When 83-year-old Peter* became a Moonah Park resident, he had a complex medical history.

Determined to maintain his independence, Peter embraced opportunities to stay active. He attends the on-site gym twice a week, participating in a physiotherapist-assessed and supervised exercise program tailored to his individual needs. These sessions help manage joint pain, improve mobility and build strength.

Through his commitment to exercise, active involvement in community life, and the support of the care team, Peter has achieved remarkable progress. Once reliant on a four-wheel walker and staff supervision, he now moves around

confidently without assistance, enjoying all that daily life at Moonah Park has to offer.

Drawing on his experience and passion for helping others, Peter helps in leading regular wellbeing sessions for fellow residents. His encouragement and positive attitude inspire others to stay active, build confidence and enjoy the social connections that come from participating together.

Peter's journey is a wonderful example of what can be achieved through determination, meaningful activity, and a supportive community. **Name changed for privacy.*



"Peter's expertise and enthusiasm make these classes a highlight for everyone involved."

How you can make a difference



Financial support

Help us expand services, reach more people and respond to emerging community needs by sponsoring programs, projects and community initiatives that create meaningful impact, or by supporting our food pantry and engagement kit programs. Email giving@cofcqld.com.au to learn more about current sponsorship opportunities or to request a list of food pantry and engagement kit items.



In-kind contributions

Provide goods, services, expertise, or infrastructure that directly support those in our care. Speak to your Churches of Christ contact about what you can offer, or email giving@cofcqld.com.au to arrange a conversation.



Capability and innovation

Collaborate with us to develop new ideas, strengthen programs and improve outcomes.



Community and advocacy

Raise awareness, inspire action and help create positive change across our communities. Follow our socials, sign up to the newsletter, become part of our community of supporters and volunteers.



Your partnership can transform lives.
Let's create impact together.



Sign up to our general newsletter.
Become part of our community.



"Every day, we see how steady support can help young people find their footing again."



With a little help from us Ethan* began to thrive

For many of us, home is a place of safety, belonging and stability. For children in out-of-home care, that sense of security can take time to rebuild.

Living in out-of-home care Ethan entered primary school carrying the impacts of trauma and struggled with learning and confidence. Through a Churches of Christ learning support program, he was matched with a dedicated mentor who helped him build trust, strengthen his skills, and believe in himself.

Over time, Ethan became more engaged at school, more willing to take on challenges, and proud of his progress.

Stories like Ethan's remind us that a safe home is only the beginning. Through mentoring, education support and practical assistance, Churches of Christ helps children and young people build the confidence, resilience and opportunities they need to thrive. With your support, more young people can access the stability, encouragement and hope that changes lives. **Name changed for privacy.*