

The Terrace: *A real answer to prayer for those doing it tough!*



*Who am I without drugs?
Where's my identity apart from scoring a hit?
What does entertainment look like if I'm not drunk?
If I don't numb myself how do I cope with the pain?
How will people ever see past my addiction and not write me off?*

These are some of the questions often asked by those living with struggles, addictions, and mental illness - all common amongst people on the streets of the inner city. Often there are many more questions than there are answers for people who find themselves in this predicament. The reality is that those questions are not easily answered. No simple solutions are available.

HopeStreet operates a semi-supported residence called The Terrace that

accommodates and works with people who have such questions. Rather than trying to give them all the answers the residents of The Terrace discover strength from within to keep going. The HopeStreet staff seek to provide a safe place of rest where energy can be renewed and dreams realised. This is a real answer to prayer for those that had lost all hope.

The Terrace has recently said good-bye to some of those residents who have stayed for up to 18 months. They have moved on to more permanent accommodation with continued support from HopeStreet. People such as Mark who has managed to overcome heroin dependence, reconnect with family, and now serves in the HopeStreet community and the local Woolloomooloo Fellowship.

Others like Steve had a goal to work on his health and his addictions. To achieve this Steve had to face many of his struggles head on and overcome a lot of fear. With God's help Steve has taken control of his accommodation and has faithfully attended our counseling program. Continued overpage...

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Practising
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inner city

Homeless persons program

- Long-term semi-supported accommodation
- Support and assistance for homeless people

Employment training program

- Cleaning service
- Job placement

Community development

- Direct benevolent assistance and food relief
- Op shops, drops-ins and community centres
- Aboriginal community work

Safe House for women sex workers

- Outreach, drop-in, and support

Inner city gambling counselling

- Individual counselling, support groups
- Deaf and NESB access

Church planting

- Glebe community church
- Relationship and individual counselling
- Woolloomooloo Baptist fellowship
- Street church and breakfast
- 2010 church plant

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Amazing strengths and resources emerge from the residents when given the chance. Through positive attitude, confidence, and hard work, these men have discovered a whole new view on life.

At The Terrace, we don't claim to have all the answers, and we don't claim easy solutions. What we offer is community, respect, dignity, and the chance to find the strengths and resources we believe God has placed within each one of us.

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When residents discover these possibilities there seem to be fewer questions and more answers to life's challenges. For those serving as part of HopeStreet the central challenge is to rely on God's strength to help us be effective in supporting each person we are walking alongside.

By Joe Denine



Caroline Zilinsky
The Cotton Candy Canes of the Hay Plains
Photography donated by John Marmaras Photography

Water Of *Life*

Annual Celebration

Friday 22nd June 2007

6pm-9.30pm

Donation: \$30

182 Campbell St, Darlinghurst

Numbers are very limited.

Phone 02 9358 2388 to purchase your tickets.

Art Exhibition

23rd-28th June 2007

Open to the public

11am-6pm daily

182 Campbell St, Darlinghurst

Current Needs at Hopestreet

HopeStreet relies on donations and goods in kind to keep our overheads as low as possible. A few of the current needs include:

- Copies of the CEV Bible For Today for the Women's Space and other programs
- A digital camera with at least 4 megapixels and 6x or more optical zoom (our previous one is broken)
- Computers that are minimum Pentium IV or equivalent with minimum 512 megabytes of RAM.
- A compact dishwasher for the Back Shed Cafe at Woolloomooloo

The projects that are still under financed for this year include:

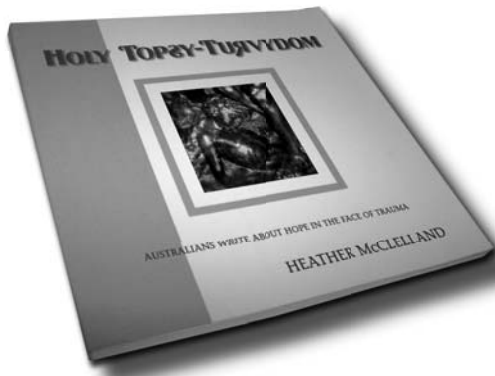
- The Women's Space
- Glebe Community Development

Hopestreet is currently trying to gather support for Women's Space Stage 2. A residence has already been provided through the Department of Housing, but finances for the operation of the house, as well as for wages, are still outstanding.

Please contact Brendan Wood on 02 9358 2388 if you are able to assist with any of these needs.

Holy Topsy Turveydom

Book Review



Holy Topsy Turveydom compiles Australian Stories, written personally and very honestly, by people who have suffered trauma in their lives. These personal stories describe how trauma has impacted them and also how it has begun to be healed.

Most of us carry unresolved trauma in our lives, far more than one might suspect. This book could prove a catalyst for healing. It may also be of use for those who are studying Pastoral Care and Counselling and for those working in the helping and healing professions. Finally the book can have an educative function and may challenge our ingrained habit of passing judgement on others.

Author, Heather McClelland is a counsellor and minister with the Woolloomooloo Baptist Fellowship and HopeStreet. Heather pours years of experience and knowledge into this deeply moving publication.

Holy Topsy Turvydom can be purchased for just \$17, including postage and handling, from the HopeStreet Office on 9358 2388, with all proceeds going towards the Woolloomooloo Baptist Fellowship.

HopeStreet says *Thanks*



John Sandilant, from Charity First Home Loans presents Brendan Wood, from HopeStreet Urban Compassion, a cheque that constitutes support that has come through this generous loans scheme.

HopeStreet has many wonderful supporters and would like to say a huge thank you to all who have helped our cause in a special way over the last few months. In particular we would like to thank:

- Charity First Home Loans
- Unilever and Streets
- Cyan and Collis from Eden Creative Communities
- John Marmaras Photography
- The Printing Department
- Nick's Till Midnight, Woolloomooloo
- The many volunteers who give their time and energy.
- The many individual donors who have contributed financially.

The 5th Annual Fun Run & Walk

Sunday 5th August 2007
RUN, WALK or JOG from Glebe to Woolloomooloo.
Find some sponsors. Get an entry form. GO!

Registration forms available from 1st July
Phone 02 9358 2388
or www.hopestreet.org.au

Ngage 2007

Urban
Intensive Course
30th June - 5th July

This course looks at the rapidly changing urban environment, the issues and people within it, and approaches to ministry in this context. The course involves interacting with the urban environment, observing ministry, exploring community and reflecting biblically. This course is for anyone seeking to take seriously the urban world in which we live and how the gospel of fullness of life in Christ takes shape there.



Accommodation - billeting in the inner city included in course fees plus one night sleep out.

Course fees - \$220

Enquiries - 02 8354 3110 or director@hopestreet.org.au

Help the Needy and Homeless *this Winter*

Coming up in 2007.....

JUNE

22 - Annual Celebration
23-28 - Art Exhibition

JULY

1 till 5 - Ngage
22 - Urban Orientation
28 & 29 - Xpose 2010

AUGUST

5 - HopeStreet Fun Run/Walk
19 - Urban Orientation

SEPTEMBER

16 - Urban Orientation

OCTOBER

21 - Urban Orientation
27 & 28 - Xpose Glebe

NOVEMBER

18 - Urban Orientation

MARCH 2008

2 - HopeStreet
Sunday

With the cold of winter life becomes very tough for people who have no where to call home. They can begin to believe that there is no hope in the inner city - that they are forgotten by society and forgotten by God.

In direct response to this crisis, HopeStreet is present in the inner city telling an alternate story. HopeStreet brings hope to:

- rough-sleepers, through the provision of support and assistance.
- homeless people, through the provision of long term and semi-supported accommodation.
- families in need, through relief and family support.

HopeStreet has been on the streets for 18 years bringing hope to people and places that would otherwise be forgotten. HopeStreet needs your support to continue this vital ministry to the homeless and destitute.

Warm a heart this winter by giving a much needed gift to the work of HOPESTREET. Please use the donation form below or call 02 9358 2388 during business hours.



Benevolence Cupboard

Winter is coming upon us and family bills start to rise due to extra costs. Our benevolence cupboard manages to assist up to 500 families a year thanks to donations made by churches and individuals. Due to the increase in needs within this area, and our growing reputation, we have more and more families that are in need of goods to get them through when they are struggling. Some of the goods that we need are:

- Milk (powder or long life)
- Sugar, coffee, tea
- Tinned meat, tuna, sardines etc
- Tinned baked beans, spaghetti, vegies, soup etc
- Packets of (small) Soups, noodles, pasta dishes, rice meals
- Cereals - wheatbix, muesli, cornflakes etc
- Rice, biscuits, crackers
- Baby food
- Kids lunch things
- Shampoo, conditioner
- Soap

- Women's toiletries
- Combs, brushes
- Band-aids, razors
- Shaving cream
- Tissues
- Toilet paper
- Nappy rash cream
- Toothpaste, tooth brushes
- Socks, underwear
- Handkerchiefs

Please contact Fiona Simpson on 02 8353 9908 if you can assist with any of these goods. Note that goods will need to be delivered to 91 Forbes St Woolloomooloo during business hours please.

I want to offer hope this Winter

- \$30 \$40 \$75
 \$100 \$200 OTHER \$.....

I enclose a cheque/money order for the amount shown or

Please charge the amount to my

- Visa Mastercard

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Signature _____

Expiry Date ____ / ____

Name on card _____

Name

Rev/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

DONATIONS OVER \$2 ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Please send this completed coupon to:

HOPESTREET
91 Forbes Street
Woolloomooloo NSW 2011
or fax to (02) 9358 4128

