

# HANNAH'S HOUSE

*Beating the hopelessness of homelessness*



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In 1992 Hannah's House was opened by Lady Edwards with a vision to assist homeless and marginalised young women (13 - 17 years of age) in the Ipswich area. For the last 25 years we have continued this work without ceasing. Now we find that the need is even greater and that if we are going to be able to assist these young people in becoming all they can be, we need more in the way of facilities and time to enable them to become established and independent.

I do encourage you to watch the DVD enclosed in this package, remember these are the parents of tomorrow. If we are going to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty in our society we need to take action now. There is no valid reason for these young women to be homeless and marginalised and living in poverty in 2008 in Australia - "The Lucky Country".

Can you imagine your kids having no place to sleep, nowhere to clean their teeth, unable to access a shower and not a hope of getting fed tonight? What about being unable to go to school or go to the doctor when they are sick, let alone the question of who will teach them values and responsibility within a society?

Come on Ipswich, let's get behind these kids! Imagine it's one of your own and give it all you've got. There are lots of ways to be involved, endless opportunities to help raise the much needed funds that will see these young women safe, secure and beginning to see hope for the future.

If you are a bit of a thrill seeker and would like to take the parachute jump with me, give me a call. You are never too old, 14 to infinity are the age limits. I am nearly 60 and I am definitely not passed it all yet! Life is for the living - this is a great opportunity to live life to the fullest and to empower some worthwhile young people to do the same.

Whatever you decide, thank you for considering their plight.

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