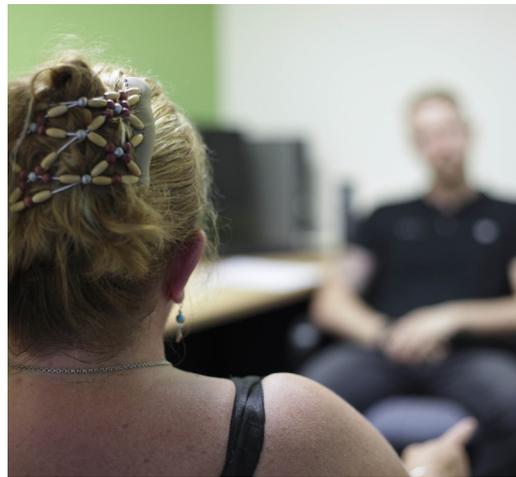


ADRA Community Centre

Blacktown and Macquarie Fields, Sydney, NSW



TOTAL Annual Project Budgets: \$350,000



Overview



Support Services

For over a decade, the ADRA Community Centre in Blacktown, has been providing support to some of the most vulnerable people in Sydney's western suburbs. An additional centre has recently been established in Macquarie Fields. Through individual and group counselling, crisis relief and emergency housing activities and tailored programs, the Centres not only provide a safety net, they help build stronger individuals and families for more resilient communities.

The ADRA Community Centres provide services free of charge thanks to the numerous volunteers who give of their time and energy.



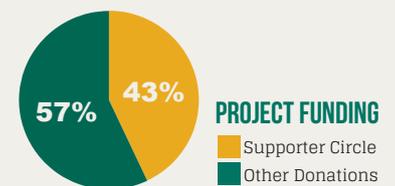
On any given night in Australia 1 in 200 people are homeless

Source: Homelessness Australia



Each year 1 in 10 Australian's rely on food relief

Source: Foodbank



Total project budget is \$350,000 per annum. Target Supporter Circle fundraising in 2015 is \$150,000.

Activities

- Individual and family counselling for those experiencing crises, emotional distress and mental health issues.
- Group counselling including anger management.
- Securing accommodation for those without a safe place to stay.
- Emergency food and financial support for those in short-term crisis.

Impact

In 2013 the ADRA Centre served 324 people with free counselling, 307 individuals and families with emergency food packs and ensured 158 people had a safe roof over their head. Additionally, staff provided support to those going through a range of court proceedings and the migration process.



Bev's Story

Bev is just one of the many women who have experienced domestic violence at the hands of an alcoholic. However, financial pressures meant she could not afford to go out on her own. Eleven months after contacting the Housing Department Bev visited the ADRA Community Centre in desperation.

Utilising their strong links with business, social services and the community at large it took just two weeks for the staff at the Centre to secure safe accommodation, setting Bev free from the daily abuse. Bev was also able to access free counselling and support through the Centre, going a long way to breaking the cycle of disadvantage that once entrapped her.

Join the Circle

The ADRA Community Centres in Blacktown and Macquarie Fields receive no government funding and depend entirely on donations to meet annual operating costs. You can partner with the ADRA Community Centres by joining the Supporter Circle. You will receive regular updates and see the impact you are having on the lives of those in crisis.



Donate

Your donation of \$100 per month will enable ADRA Australia to provide three months of free counselling to an individual or family in crisis. One-off donations of any amount also provide valued assistance.



Pray

Commit to praying regularly for the ADRA Community Centre in Blacktown and Macquarie Fields for all those experiencing emotional and financial crisis.



Volunteer

You can volunteer at one of the ADRA Community Centres. Generalist and specialist help is always needed. Contact ADRA today to discuss suitable roles.

ADRA Australia is the official humanitarian arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Our mission is to work with people in poverty and distress to create just and positive change through empowering partnerships and responsible action. As a Christian aid and humanitarian agency, we believe our work is a natural expression of our faith, and a continuation of Christ's ministry of compassion.