



WORKING TOWARDS **CHANGE** IN 2017

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'A Bible-based Christian welfare agency committed to Jesus' teachings and intent on reflecting His love to those in need.'



We often associate Christianity and the church with conservatism and 'sameness'. And often with good reason because of what we have seen in history. The very opposite is true however, when we consider what Jesus intends for us. He is clearly in the business of change.

Change is a prominent theme in scripture. For example, the Bible begins and ends with massive change. In the Old Testament, God declared on many occasions through His prophets that the people of Israel had to modify how they conducted their personal, business, relational and spiritual lives. In the New Testament, John the Baptist told people to 'repent' [Matthew 3:3], Jesus informed Nicodemus that he must be 'born again' [John 3:3], and Paul spoke about spiritual change as being an integral part of every Christian's experience [2 Corinthians 3:18].

Scripture is also full of personal stories recounting how people were changed when God intervened in their lives. Although their experiences were obviously unique, they nevertheless shared some common themes that illustrate what happens when God speaks into a person's life.

In our own community, Temcare seeks to be the hands and feet of Jesus in bringing about similar meaningful change in people. The families and individuals we work with face enormous challenges that often mean that their personal and relational lives are at risk of unraveling. Change is therefore a necessity for these families and not an option. **In many respects, they need the miracle of an encounter with God and His people.**

This is where Temcare has a role to play. We see our core focus being to assist people to implement positive changes in their lives, whether they involve personal, parenting, or spiritual matters. Whilst committed to helping people enhance their emotional and social development, and to improve their parenting capacities, we also see our primary goal as being to assist them to discover and grow in a relationship with our Heavenly Father.



“Joys Of Working...”

One of the joys of working with our families and individuals has been to see ‘evidence of change’ occurring in their lives. For example;

- Several of the young people who committed their lives to Jesus at the Mates’ mentoring camp in late 2016, have **subsequently been baptized and are currently attending churches.**

- **There have been some very positive responses from the young people and their mentors** who attended the first Mates mentoring retreat in February 2017, where the Alpha Youth series was used as a basis for discussing issues relating to faith in Jesus.

- Our adolescent clients continue to be encouraged and challenged by the practical support and spiritual guidance provided by their mentors. This is evidenced by one client recently declaring, **“If I was going to be a Christian I would be a full-on Christian. I would be like a Stacey Christian.”** Stacey is one of our volunteer mentors.

- Through the encouragement of our respite carers and mentors, **some of our clients have been introduced to supportive church communities** that are living examples of God’s love and grace for them.

- The adult daughter of one of our mothers recently attended our Women of Hope support group and afterwards wanted someone to pray with her. **During this prayer session, she prayed a prayer of repentance and commitment to follow Jesus.**

- Some of our clients have been receiving counselling support from staff, during which **themes of God’s grace and hope for them have been woven into therapeutic discussions.**





They are being helped to understand that our Heavenly Father is relevant to them and can be trusted and relied upon in their lives.

- One of our adult clients has received significant practical assistance from a staff member when other agencies have withdrawn their involvement because of the difficult behaviour she has exhibited. **This ‘act of grace’ by our staff member has opened the door for spiritual conversations to occur between them.**
- A staff member has been providing a client with emotional and practical support through the course of various personal traumas. **The client has recently been able to maintain a drug free lifestyle for a reasonable period;** something that is quite remarkable given the history of substance abuse.
- A previous client recently contacted Temcare wanting to thank those staff who had historically supported her and her family during some very difficult times. In her email, she stated,

‘Hi there, I was fostered through Temcare from aged 5 and I am now 42. I had excellent workers - Janny De Vries and Nancy Price- both whom I would love to make contact with and say thank you. I would also love to write something to give encouragement to other fostered children and foster parents as I am now myself working as a social worker based on the positive experiences I had.’



- Through the direct and sacrificial support of her mentor, **one of our adolescent clients has recently made substantial gains in her personal functioning,** and is no longer displaying the same concerning behaviours that previously characterised her life.
- **A male adolescent client has been able to successfully transition into independent living with the practical support of a staff member.**

Joys Of Partnering...

These examples suggest to us that what we are seeking to do in His name is having a positive and eternal impact in the lives of these people. But we cannot do this work on our own. **We need your ongoing partnership to effect positive change in the lives of the people whom we serve.**

There are various ways in which you might choose to partner with us.

For example, please consider becoming a volunteer in one of our ministry areas. At present our waiting list is substantial, with nearly 40 children awaiting allocation for respite care and nearly 30 young people awaiting allocation of a mentor. **We are therefore desperately in need of committed Christians who see the opportunity to serve our Father by becoming a respite carer for children or a mentor for an adolescent.**

Please visit our website, www.temcare.org.au or contact our staff on 03 9877 7729, if you are interested in becoming involved in these vital ministries to families and individuals.

Another way of partnering with Temcare is to become a financial supporter. Temcare has never sought government funding for our programs, as we want to remain unfettered in our desire to talk to our families about faith. We are therefore primarily reliant on the generosity of Christian churches and individuals who share our vision.



Currently, we have some wonderful partnerships with churches and individuals who have been faithful in their prayer, practical and financial support for Temcare's work. In addition to many generous individuals, we are particularly grateful for the assistance of the following churches;

- Ashwood Gospel Chapel
- Ballarat [Peel Street] Gospel Chapel
- Bridge Church Richmond
- Canterbury Gardens Community Church
- Christ Centred Community Church
- Christian Community Church Morwell
- Edge Church
- Full Gospel Assembly Melbourne
- Glen Hill Community Church
- Glenroy Gospel Chapel
- Maroondah City Church
- Montmorency Community Church
- Mulgrave Reserve Gospel Chapel
- Oakleigh Christian Fellowship
- Ringwood Community Church
- St Marks Uniting Church
- Warrandyte Community Church
- Wattle Park Chapel



A practical and direct way of supporting Temcare's ministry is to consider sponsoring the involvement of a family, child or adolescent with some of our programs. For example,

- Sponsoring a mother and a child to attend our annual camp. This would approximate to \$125.
- Sponsoring a child to participate in our respite program for approximately \$260 per year.
- Sponsoring an adolescent to attend the annual Mates camp for approximately \$160.
- Or, sponsoring an adolescent to engage in our mentoring program to the extent of \$900 per year.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and receipts can be supplied if personal contact details are provided.

Recently, one of our financial partners advised us that they would co-match any donation made to Temcare for its work. The generosity of this partner means that any donation made by an individual, church, or Charitable Trust will be matched during the 2017/2018 financial year. This is a wonderful provision from our Father that will enable Temcare to effectively continue its vital ministry to families and individuals within our community.



You
Can help

Please pray for our ministry over the next few months.

- Our MATES mentoring camp, which was so successful in 2016, will be occurring in October 13-15.
- During July and August, we are continuing with our parenting program for the mothers who attend our Women of Hope support group. Important issues associated with parenting will be discussed and themes of God's grace and love will be weaved into the program.
- We are also planning to offer this parenting program to the wider community later this year.
- Our staff continue to provide individualised support for those of our clients who require it. At times, this level of support can be quite demanding because of the complex needs of our families.
- Our aged care chaplains regularly have the opportunity to engage in spiritual conversations with people who are at critical stages in their life journeys.

Thank you for your support of Temcare's work for what will be 50 years in 2018. I continue to be amazed by our Heavenly Father's grace and provision, and the faithfulness of His people in prayerfully and financially supporting what Temcare does. We also remain indebted to those families and individuals who have sacrificially provided care, grace and love for our clients. Our Saviour will surely say to you on that great day when we meet Him, 'Well done good and faithful servant.'

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Become a Temcare Volunteer



There are numerous opportunities for you to volunteer your services with us. For example, you could join with us as a:

- Respite carer in the **CARE** program.
- Mentor in the **MATES** program.
- Personal supporter and mentor for a parent in the **FAMILY SUPPORT** program.
- Helper in **ADMINISTRATION**.
- **FINANCIAL** supporter.
- **GENERAL SUPPORT** person for some of our activities [e.g. driving children to and from their weekend placements; assisting with our camps].

If you are interested in one or more of these roles, please provide us with the following details and either email the information to office@temcare.org.au or post it to: **P.O. BOX 521, Blackburn, 3130**. One of our staff will then make contact with you to discuss how you might become a partner with us.

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Area of interest/service:

Become a Financial Supporter of Temcare

We at Temcare deeply appreciate the interest shown and the generosity displayed by individuals, churches and organizations who share our values and choose to support our work with vulnerable families. As Temcare does not receive any Government funding and is primarily reliant upon the financial generosity of Christians, churches, interested individuals and charitable trusts, it is only through your support that Temcare is able to be a source of hope to people in need.

If you would like to financially support Temcare, please indicate your financial commitment below and forward the information to the Temcare office at **P.O. BOX 521, Blackburn, 3130**, or alternatively, email it to **office@temcare.org.au**. All donations over **\$2 are tax deductible and will be issued with a receipt**.

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone [mobile or landline]:

Please find enclosed my cheque / money order for: \$.....

I intend to deposit a direct credit of \$..... to Temcare's account.

BANK: ANZ BSB: 013328 ACC: 484168802

I would prefer to make a payment of \$..... by credit card, as:

- A once off payment on, or alternatively;
- Monthly payments that will commence on and are to cease on

I authorize Temcare to charge to my credit card the amount noted above. The following are my credit card details:

Cardholder name:

Credit card number:

Card type:

Card expiry date:

Authorized Signature:

Date:

