

Become a Changemaker



Sisters of Charity
Foundation



Join our community
of regular givers

You're putting food on the table



"I truly appreciate your help. I am a pensioner and I take care of my children, and the price of groceries has risen so much – it's so expensive that I can't keep up. Because of your help I can now afford my other necessities like medicine and insurance. Thank you so much."

Your support meant we could award a grant to C Care to help Melbourne residents – like Peter and his wife, who are in their 80s – facing food insecurity.

"Thank you for your continued support. You have helped us feed those who would struggle to get a hearty breakfast. We see upwards of 50 people each of the days we have the breakfast... At the moment there are so many people who need help, and they don't know where to turn."

Because of you we were able to provide a grant to Survivor's R Us to feed the 800 homeless people in the Newcastle area with hot BBQ breakfasts twice a week.



Volunteer Adam from Survivor's R Us at the BBQ

Changemakers ensure no one is left behind

Changemakers provide ongoing support for greater impact. Your regular gifts can transform the lives of those who are struggling, and change your community for the better.

The past couple of years have been extraordinarily difficult. A pandemic, countless people out of work, isolation and disconnection negatively impacting mental health, soaring rates of domestic violence, families unable to pay their bills or buy groceries... the need is overwhelming.

Your support has been vital to help those experiencing crisis or poverty. You've helped feed, house and educate some of the most disadvantaged people in our communities.

What impact can your regular gifts have?

When you pledge to give a regular donation, you allow the Sisters of Charity Foundation to respond

quickly when desperate families and communities need help. Your commitment lets us engage in more impactful philanthropy, invest in longer-term solutions and run essential programs with more certainty.

Why did you become a Changemaker?

Our longtime supporter Lou shares his story: "Some years ago on my discharge from St Vincent's Hospital I was reflecting on the high level of care I received, on the warmth and professionalism of all the staff and how fortunate I was to experience it. I knew the Sisters of Charity were behind it all so I decided to go to their headquarters to see how they made it happen and express my thanks. There I learned about their Foundation.

"It was impressive. Everything was about giving and compassion, but not in a sentimental way. I knew that if I made a contribution it would be welcomed and applied wisely. I am contented to make my small contribution regularly, and in my estate."



Join our community of Changemakers who are helping make Australia a better, more equitable place for people living in poverty and disadvantage.

What matters to you?

As a Changemaker you can choose to direct your regular gifts toward the program of your choice.

- ♥ Our **Community Grants Program** provides grants to innovative community projects that break down social isolation and alleviate the impact of poverty on individuals and families.
- ♥ The **Tertiary Scholarship Program** helps disadvantaged young people from out-of-home care backgrounds transform their lives through tertiary education.
- ♥ The **Asylum Seekers Housing Program** provides safe accommodation and welfare services to displaced people at risk of homelessness.
- ♥ The **Modern Slavery Transitional Housing Program** provides housing assistance and casework support to survivors of modern slavery and human trafficking in Australia.
- ♥ Led by Sisters Anne Mayberry and Christine Henry, **Community Care** provides support to people in remote and rural NSW and Queensland who have been badly affected by droughts, bushfires, floods and general economic downturn.



If you would like your donations to go toward a more specific cohort, for example people experiencing homelessness or those living with disabilities, please contact CEO Louise M Burton on (02) 9367 1211 or info@sistersofcharityfoundation.org.au.

You're making education possible



"My dream career would be to be a primary teacher – but also have qualifications in counselling. Growing up, I have witnessed and experienced how teachers and support can change your life.

When I learnt I'd won the scholarship I was so surprised and ecstatic. I felt this big relief off my shoulders – to have support while I obtain my degrees is amazing."

You're helping Nga Kim study a Bachelor of Arts (pathway to primary teaching) at Western Sydney University.

"I love working with kids. The ward is happy and bright, it's less clinical, and the nurses are dressed in colourful scrubs.

If I didn't have the scholarship money I don't know what I would have done. It mostly went towards paying off HECS, books and living expenses."

You made it possible for Terri to get her Bachelor of Nursing from Australian Catholic University.



Terri with Sister Anthea Groves after her graduation

You're providing the essentials



"They are two brothers, who have left a very traumatic home, with domestic violence and other serious family issues. I've spoken with the foster mother today. She virtually had nothing for the boys in the way of clothing and shoes... Thank you so much for helping this special family. I am sure their lives will now be a little brighter."

Your generosity made a grant possible to We Care Connect, an organisation which distributes children's items to vulnerable families.

"We would like to say a huge THANK YOU for the generous donation of stationery packs. Each student will be ready to learn. The students who have already received their packs have loved going through them, looking at all the items, and wanted to get straight into using their new things!"

Thanks to you Give Write received a grant to ensure kids who start the school year with nothing have essential stationery items.



Students at Roebourne District High School, WA

Changemakers Regular Giving Program FAQs

How do I become a Changemaker?

If you'd like to make a monthly gift, the quickest way is to donate online at sistersofcharityfoundation.org.au. Enter the amount you would like to give, then check the 'Make this donation monthly' box. You can also fill out a donation form and mail it to us at: Sisters of Charity Foundation, PO Box 2432 Bondi Junction NSW 1355, or contact our office on (02) 9367 1211.

When do I receive my tax receipt?

You will receive a receipt every time your regular donation is processed. At the end of every financial year, we will send you a tax receipt detailing your donations over the past 12 months. You don't have to worry about hanging on to receipts for individual donations, as all the information you need to claim your tax deduction is in one place. Donations of \$2 or more are tax-deductible.

How do I update or cancel my regular donation?

We understand people's circumstances may change. You can change the amount of your regular donation or your payment method, or pause or cancel your donations at any time. Please contact our office on (02) 9367 1211 or email info@sistersofcharityfoundation.org.au with your full name and address, and details of your desired change. For security reasons please do not include your credit card details in the email.

What do I receive as a Changemaker?

You'll receive regular stories of the impact your gifts are having, along with invites to exclusive events, and personal reflections and updates from our Sisters. You will be able to update your communications preferences at any time by contacting our office.



If you have any questions about the Changemakers Regular Giving Program please contact CEO Louise M Burton on (02) 9367 1211 or info@sistersofcharityfoundation.org.au.

What difference can you make in one year?



\$15 a month

can provide daily essentials like toiletries, clothing, or petrol for a family experiencing hardship



\$30 a month

can provide a new mattress or help with rent and bills for a family escaping domestic violence



\$50 a month

can provide twice weekly hot meals for a person experiencing homelessness



\$100 a month

can buy a laptop and textbooks so a young person who grew up in foster care can attend university

Families skipping meals. Children who go to school with nothing. Elderly people on the brink of homelessness. Across Australia people are struggling.

They need help. They need you.