

Good Giving, Good Impact Stories

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We look forward to working with you and others in creating a landscape where giving is a way of living in WA.



Staff representatives from the 4 organisation collaboration to benchmark youth mentoring in WA.

L-R: Maryke Palumbo (The Smith Family), Nikki Ghorbani (Youth Focus) Tim Galloway & Donna Hamilton (YMCA), Amy Beatty (Youth Futures).

Setting the Benchmark for Youth Mentoring in WA

REPRESENTATIVES from four leading Perth not-for-profitS are collaborating to demonstrate best practice in delivering youth mentoring programs in metropolitan Perth.

YMCA Perth, The Smith Family, Youth Futures and Youth Focus, recognised leaders in the Youth Mentoring sector in WA, deliver programs that meet the Australian Youth Mentoring Network National Benchmarks.

Funded by the Department for Communities, the four NFPs have been working together this year on a project to

show their quality programs in action, through the production of a DVD and booklet documenting their processes and practices.

At a recent event held at YMCA HQ to celebrate the commencement of the project YMCA CEO Ross Kyrwood said "youth mentoring programs could make a substantial difference to a young person's school attendance, academic performance, personal relationships, self-confidence and social and emotional skills."

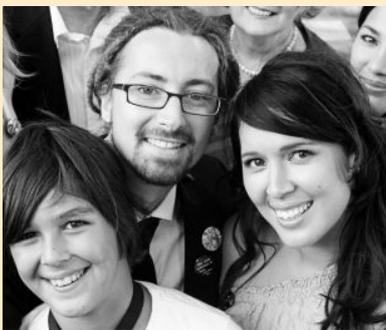
"The aim of the project is to assist both organisations and individuals to reach national benchmarks in youth mentoring as

well as to raise awareness of the quality youth mentoring programs we have here in Western Australia".

There are three other demonstration projects underway throughout the State, and all of them are due to be released during Youth Week (April) 2013.

For more information, visit the [Department for Communities website](#).

First Home Project



Jarrod, Teresa and Tyson from First Home Project

JARROD, TERESA AND TYSON came up with the First Home Project to help provide affordable medium term accommodation and an inclusive community for refugees who are struggling in this housing crisis.

The family found a suitable house in Midland but after being refused initial funding for the mortgage through traditional means, a call was put out to the community and \$600,000 in donations and promised loans was received in just two short weeks.

This unique home has enough bedrooms, bathrooms and kitchens for three families at a time and, with the help of some generous local businesses and many friends, renovations are almost complete. The family have moved into the home and are making final preparations for other families to join them soon.

The property itself is large, covering 3265sqm. The project also includes plans to develop a community garden on the land and the family have also discussed the possibility of the double block being used

to build sustainable units to provide even more affordable, accessible housing for our newest Australians in the future.

"This just a first step. This is one of many new expressions of the growing 'Welcome to Australia' movement that is rolling up our sleeves and making love practical. We are only just getting started", says Jarrod.

"The First Home Project isn't just about a house. It's about building a community. It's about providing new Australians with a 'hand up' through affordable accommodation and walking alongside them as they build their new lives in Perth."

For more information on the First Home Project, visit www.firsthomeproject.com.au or email info@firsthomeproject.com.au.

Students in Free Enterprise – SIFE UWA

FROM the Korogocho slums in Kenya to remote communities in India and Australia's Pilbara region, the University of WA's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) projects are impacting lives of others across the globe.

Each of SIFE UWA projects uses the positive power of business to help those in disadvantaged communities become economically independent.

Some of SIFE's recent projects include:

- Mamma Shujaa - a microfinance initiative which aims to establish a hub of 3 small businesses to be owned and run by a group of 18 women from Korogocho slums in Kenya.
- Fair Trade Pop-Up Shop – at the request of Oxfam WA, SIFE will create an innovative retail concept to create sustainable, mainstream demand for high quality and socially responsible fair trade products.
- Balya Project - mentoring of women from the indigenous community of Jigalong, to develop their knowledge in the areas of financial literacy and business planning, strategy and sustainability.

SIFE UWA is part of an international non-profit organisation where students learn, practice and teach the principles of free enterprise to improve the standard of living for thousands of communities around the world.

Mamma Shujaa a microfinance initiative



The SIFE UWA team won the SIFE National Championship in Melbourne, Friday 13th July 2012, and subsequently went on to represent UWA and Australia at the SIFE World Cup in Washington DC at the beginning of October.

For more information on SIFE UWA projects visit: <http://sifeuwa.org/>

Crocodile Smiles in the Kimberley



Craig the Crocodile, the Kimberley Dental Team mascot

DR JOHN AND JAN OWEN never thought a trip to the Kimberly would lead to an experience that would introduce a crocodile and smiles to remote communities.

Madjitil Moorna Choir, of which Jan is a member, had been invited by an Aboriginal school teacher, Doreen Green, to sing with the children of the Halls Creek District High School.

During their visit the school welcomed the Owen's dental expertise to provide a dental therapy service. Dr John Owen A.M, a specialist orthodontist, and Jan Owen, a dental nurse and homeopath, saw 133 children and found 38% required urgent dental care and 18% required treatment within six months. The school had been without a dental service for a considerable time and many children suffered dental disease and pain.

With their increasing awareness of the inequality of dental health care compared to that of metropolitan Perth, Jan and John committed to continue to assist the Halls Creek community and to develop of a volunteer team of dental health personnel, the Kimberley Dental Team (KDT), to enhance current services and improve dental health literacy.

Jan and John Owen, with the help of visiting volunteers from dental professions and allied health professionals, have made and will continue to make regular trips to the Kimberley to teach dental health and perform treatment for people in need.

Word has spread through the *community* "we see more really remote kids now, many who are very irregular attendees at school and so previously missed being screened, but are now brought to us, as the community message stick knows when we are in town".

KDT has launched a dental health booklet for distribution throughout the Kimberley and other remote and regional areas. More than 30,000 booklets have been distributed to date. More than 95% of Kimberley schools have taken up the KDT tooth brushing and education program, which provides each child with 4 toothbrushes per year, a new one for each term, and encourages dental understanding, education and early intervention.

Craig the Crocodile who is the KDT mascot and valuable team member now has a Facebook page – Like him and follow his adventures:

www.facebook.com/craigthecroc
For more information on the Kimberley Dental Team and their programs visit www.kimberleydentalteam.com