

Dose of Hope



Thanks to the incredible work of our Kids Hope volunteers we get to share stories of hope and transformation in the lives of our mentor children. Get this month's Dose of Hope here.

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Hi Lou,

A big warm hello as we share the excitement of the volunteers and kids of all the programs back at school these past few weeks.

"CAN WE DO THIS ALL DAY?!"



We love Start of Year stories with many kids meeting their mentors for the first time. A coordinator recently told us of a little girl who was quite anxious to meet her new mentor.

By the middle of the session, she exclaimed: "**Oh can we just do this ALL DAY?!**" The next week, the same little girl told her mentor that she was so excited about seeing her again today that she couldn't get to sleep! The coordinator was thrilled, saying: "They are a great match!"

Many mentors enjoy mentoring so much that they confess they feel Kids Hope actually benefits *them* more than their mentor child! Others have shared how mentoring has positively impacted their lives far more than they ever imagined!

ONE OF THE BEST DECISIONS I'VE MADE!



One such mentor is Bill who celebrates his 15-year anniversary with Kids Hope this year. Bill began mentoring in 2008 when he retired. His church's program has been running for over 18 years, with some of its original mentors still volunteering today!

Bill reflects: "I have had 4 mentor children over my 15 years of being a Mentor. **Being involved with Kids Hope is one of the best decisions I've made since retiring!** I've just turned 80 and have signed up again for 2023, which I am really looking forward to. So if some people are thinking: 'I'm getting a bit too old to start mentoring for Kids Hope'; I say: "Don't. You're missing out on such a lot of enjoyment!"

Congratulations Bill and thank you for helping us bring hope to the lives of vulnerable children. We so appreciate you! If you have been encouraged by Bill to volunteer please call or email us at admin@kidshope.org.au to see how you can sign up!

CHAMPIONING THE SONSHINE



Please click [HERE](#) or on the title or image above to watch this new refresh of one of our most popular promo videos: **'Every Child Needs a Champion!'**. Be inspired by how Alex, 'the most difficult boy in school' was faithfully mentored by Tim who brought hope into his challenging and dysfunctional life. Huge thanks to Rodney Olsen from Sonshine Community Radio Station Perth, pictured here with Melissa French our WA Community Engagement Manager, for providing this fresh update.



We rely on professional support from the community to help us achieve much of what we do to inspire our volunteers and create awareness for Kids Hope. If you can help or would like to make a difference in bringing HOPE to the life of a vulnerable child please contact us at admin@kidshope.org.au. We'd love to hear from you!

LIFE COULD HAVE GONE ELSEWHERE



Linda recently took over as Kids Hope Coordinator at her local Church. She's also been a Boys Brigade leader for many years. Not long ago, Linda attended an 18th birthday for a boy in her group, Ben. To her surprise, a familiar elderly gentleman also showed up at his party.

It was Frank - one of Linda's longest-serving Kids Hope mentors! Linda found out that Frank mentored Ben many years ago when Ben was in primary school, and they still kept in touch. Linda recalled how Ben had been a difficult and troubled kid when he was younger. She now realised how his life could have gone elsewhere if he hadn't met Frank. Ben is now a Boys Brigade leader, and Linda is considering asking him if he would also like to mentor for their Kids Hope program!

How's that for an inspiring story?! We're so honoured to hear your encouraging stories every week. Please keep them coming so we can share how 'one mentor, one child, one hour a week', really does fill hearts and transform lives!

Sincerely,
The Kids Hope Team

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