

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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June 2023

Hi Carolyn,

It may be cold outside but we are heating up here at Kids Hope! Last month we shared that **120 more kids** now benefit from the transformational power of mentors in their lives! This month, we are thrilled to tell you that since the beginning of the year we have launched **15 new partnerships in our local communities**. This means schools and churches working alongside of each other to bring hope into the lives of many more vulnerable children.

Why? Because word is getting out that Kids Hope mentoring works! People are realising the power of our simple model - one child, one mentor, one hour a week. Join us as we passionately pursue generational change - one child ... and mentor, at a time!

PATIENCE... AND RUGBY!



Recently we asked Lynette what she had learnt from her mentor child. She replied, "Patience...and rugby!"

This superstar, young senior was ready to embrace change. So when Nico, her grade 4 mentor child, asked her to play his favourite sport... she said, "YES!" Little did she know it was rugby!

First, she learnt how to kick the ball and then she learnt how to pass. She said she can see the appreciation on Nico's face when she spends time doing what makes him happy. His parents do shift work and care for 2 boys with ADHD so they don't have a lot of spare time or energy to spend with their active children.

Since Lynette has been spending time with Nico, including playing rugby, she says he seems more focused and calm. She is so proud that he can now finish a book on his own after some initial literacy challenges.

All it took was for one caring mentor to be open and willing to learn from her young mentor child. That's generational impact right there! Thank you, Lynette, you really are a good sport!

CELEBRATING OUR CHERISHED VOLUNTEERS



We cannot impact children's lives like Nico, without the dedicated commitment of our volunteers. So, to show them how much they are

cherished, we are having a BIG celebration right across Australia, on Saturday, 17 June.

This is the first time we will be meeting as a broader community since the Covid lockdowns. So, as you can imagine, we are super excited! We will be sharing stories, rubbing shoulders with Tim Costello, thanking our volunteers and honouring our Champion and Hope Awardees.

Thanks to everyone who nominated their Kids Hope Superstars! It is proving to be a very difficult decision choosing! Just have a look at the calibre of our well-deserved nominees!

NOMINEES

Jan Drury
Jeanette Logan
Helen & Jim Elliot
Lavinia DePetro
Jewell Watts
Dianne Clarke
Jeni Scowen
Isabel Guise
Kathryn Ferguson
Wendy Carman
Glen Hill
Don Sinclair
Alison Folland
Kevin Grey
Melanie Petovic
Lynne Jones

CHURCH

Elanora Uniting Church
New Heights Christian Church
New Heights Christian Church
Citylife Church Whittlesea
Grovedale Baptist
Raymond Terrace Community Church
Scots Presbyterian Church
Mitcham Baptist
Mount Waverley Uniting Church
Blackwood Hills Baptist
Rockhampton Baptist
Forest Hill Uniting Church
Epping Baptist
Belgrave South Baptist
Pursuit Church Mornington
Korumburra Baptist

SCHOOL

Elanora State School
Edgeworth Heights Public School
Edgeworth Heights Public School
Thomastown West Primary School
Mandama Primary School
Irrawang Public School
Cootamundra Public School
Mitcham Primary School
Mount Waverley Primary School
Belair Primary School
Glenmore State School
Burwood Heights Primary School
Carlingford Public School
Belgrave South Primary School
Moorooduc Primary School
Korumburra Primary School

We cannot wait to present our awardees at our celebration event. We've even got a few giveaways! If you're a Kids Hope volunteer and you haven't RSVP'd, please make sure you do. Emails have been sent out recently.

Whether you're a volunteer or not, we would love to hear about how you have been positively impacted by Kids Hope in your community. We collect stories every day of how Kids Hope has impacted families, schools and communities. It is not just the mentors and mentored children whose lives are changed, but a ripple effect for everyone around them. Please email us at admin@kidshope.org.au - we would be thrilled to hear stories from you... like Bee's!

WORTH MORE THAN GOLD



It looks like the story of Bee and Marion we sent recently is really moving peoples' hearts! If you haven't read it, take a moment and [read it now](#). It really is worth more than gold!

So much so that we have had another generous donor provide an **additional matching amount of \$15,000**. Added to the original matching amount of \$25,000, that means we are now able to match \$40,000. However, we are only a third of the way to our \$90,000 goal to support an **additional 300 more kids like Bee!**

We cannot reach this goal without your support. With your help of a tax deductible gift we can make this possible. Click [HERE](#) to help us make a difference. Because **your gift is worth more than gold!**

Thank you for supporting us, celebrating with us and for being a champion for generations to come.

Sincerely,
The Kids Hope Team

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