

HOW CAN WE HELP OUR 2020 SEMI-FINALISTS?

In our special COVID-19 Grants Application Form, we asked each of our 2020 applicants how our members might be able to help directly, including what \$10,000 and \$20,000 could achieve, and to outline the opportunities for volunteering or donating goods and services. Below are the responses from our 8 Semi-Finalists:

1. Asylum Seekers Centre

What could additional funds achieve?

A \$10,000 donation funds the connection for 13 families for six months for the purchase of Chromebooks for children to access their classes online, mobile recharges to access data, receive and make calls.

A \$20,000 donation allows eight vulnerable families to pay their rent, their Opal card top-ups, some groceries and basic needs for their children's activities at school for a three-month period.

How could members of IMPACT100 Sydney North get involved?

- Sharing their time and professional expertise applying for specific volunteer positions opened in all our services on our website at <https://asylumseekerscentre.org.au/work-with-us/>
- Organising a community fundraiser to collect funds or in-kind donations. Our Community Engagement coordinator is thrilled to assist passionate fundraisers engage organizations and communities on our behalf
- Help digital connectivity by donating mobile phones/tablets/computers and mobile plans. It is particularly important for people to stay connected to services and for children to be able to access education
- Offering employment opportunities.

2. Dandelion

What could additional funds achieve?

It costs Dandelion an average \$200 to assist a disadvantaged family with all the essential nursery items they need for their babies and children, creating social value of over \$600.

A \$10,000 donation would allow us to assist 50 families, providing a value of over \$30,000.

A \$20,000 donation would allow us to assist 100 families providing a value of over \$60,000.

Families will be provided with a wide range of essential nursery items which may include a cot or bassinet so a child has a safe place to sleep, a pram or car-seat to allow the family to get out and connect with their community, as well as clothing, toys and linen for the wellbeing and development of the children.

How could members of IMPACT100 Sydney North get involved?

Donors are welcome to volunteer at our premises in Caringbah where they can sort clothing and make clothing packs, clean, sort toys and make toy packs, clean and assemble high chairs, assemble and repair cots, clean and cover car seats, clean prams, just to name some of the tasks.

We have donation days in Caringbah on weekends approximately every 2 months and offsite donation days 4-5 times a year through the week, both of which members are welcome to get involved with.

Volunteers are welcome individually, or as a group of up to 8, though groups are currently limited in numbers due to COVID-19 restrictions

We also have skilled volunteering needs in areas such as IT, graphic design, policies and procedures, communications and marketing.

3. JRS

What could additional funds achieve?

\$30 helps JRS to feed a family for a week, \$2,500 covers monthly basic living expenses for a family and \$4,200 funds the hiring of an additional caseworker per month that will allow us to more effectively respond to increased demand.

\$20,000 will help us to fund a caseworker for around 6 months, cover basic living expenses for 8 families or feed 330 families for two weeks.

How could members of IMPACT100 Sydney North get involved?

JRS would very much welcome any additional in-kind support from IMPACT 100 Sydney North and its members, including volunteers and the donation of food or funds for emergency relief.

Our current emergency response model needs roughly 45 people per week volunteering for food pick up, food parcel packing, dispatch, delivery driving, and reception. We hope to be able to recruit more employment volunteers as social distancing restrictions ease, but we will also need more English teachers, hospitality volunteers, and others as we start to reopen programs in the coming months.

We would also be happy to send through our foodbank grocery shopping list and our list of collection points in Sydney if any members would be interested in collecting food or donating funds to allow JRS to shop for foodbank items. Members could also consider supporting people seeking asylum with opportunities to secure employment.

4. Lou's Place

What could additional funds achieve?

\$10,000 would provide assistance to many of our clients who need pharmaceuticals, toiletries for hygiene and emergency medical care, particularly the ones who are not covered by Medicare such as refugees or women on temporary visas.

\$20,000 would provide over 150 women with emergency funding to find safe overnight accommodation when shelters are closed or full, along with Opal cards and taxi money for essential travel.

How could members of IMPACT100 Sydney North get involved?

We are always asking our community to organise donation drives to help us collect much needed products. We are often running low on toiletries (particularly large shampoos and conditioners), makeup, good quality books for our free library, art supplies for our art class (particularly canvasses). We also need food vouchers and Opal cards loaded with money for travel fares to give to our clients.

Every two weeks we aim to host a volunteer morning where generous friends and partners of Lou's Place come in and cook a hot breakfast for our clients, these events have been postponed with the current pandemic but we hope to reinstate them as soon as the restrictions are lifted.

5. Phoenix House

What could additional funds achieve?

With \$10,000, Phoenix House will be able to run four Feel Good Nights programs where homelessness and at-risk young people will get a chance to feel pampered and spoilt. It is a fun, creative and social event which provides activities that promote positive ways of managing stress.

With \$20,000 we would like to redevelop our 'Resourcing Adolescence Program' (RAP) program to support an online audience. In the past two months we have delivered the program online with great success for the parent group and limited success with the young people. The program activities now need to be redeveloped to suit an online audience.

How could members of IMPACT100 Sydney North get involved?

Phoenix House relies on the support of businesses and community organisations to assist us in running our programs. We welcome members of IMPACT100 to volunteer their services to a range of volunteering opportunities.

Volunteers will be able to participate directly in programs/projects already in place or work with us to develop a project that is of benefit to our young people and the community. Areas of need include, cooking meals for young people, painting the rooms and learning lab, admin duties, including software and IT.

We are also launching a mentorship program where our young people can acquire practical experience and knowledge from industry experts, some of whom may be members of IMPACT100.

We are also looking for donations of laptops for young people and other useful classroom equipment.

For details visit <https://www.phoenixhouse.org.au/volunteer/> or email info@phoenixhouse.org.au

6. StreetWork

What could additional funds achieve?

A donation of \$10,000 will enable StreetWork to deliver weekly small group mentoring sessions to 20 at-risk young people for a period of 3 months.

A donation of \$20,000 will enable StreetWork to deliver an additional 400 one-on-one mentoring sessions to young people at-risk of disengaging from school.

How could members of IMPACT100 Sydney North get involved?

IMPACT 100 Sydney North supporters can engage and assist StreetWork in five key ways:

- Police youth advocacy;
- StreetSizzle (BBQ) Helpers;
- StreetWork Angels;
- Community outreach;
- Skilled volunteering (e.g. CRM implementation, digital communications, marketing expertise, financial literacy programs etc).

7. Taldumande

What could additional funds achieve?

\$5,000 would provide educational resources for young girls who are part of the Forced Marriage Program which will allow them to complete their education.

\$10,000 would provide furniture and whitegoods that ensure our accommodation is both safe and comfortable for young people.

\$15,000 would fund a one week, fully staffed, recreational trip for 8 homeless young people to a location they have never had the opportunity to visit in their lives i.e. a ski trip.

\$30,000 would cover the cost of groceries over 12 months for the young people we accommodate. We provide nutritious food that helps young people develop healthy eating habits and supports their recovery.

How could members of IMPACT100 Sydney North get involved?

There are many ways individuals and organisations can help Taldumande:

- Workplace Giving - a simple yet powerful way to assist Taldumande to deliver essential services to homeless youth via regular payroll deductions. Companies may choose to match the donations made by employees. Individuals can arrange regular monthly payments through our donation page.
- Volunteering - Corporate volunteering is great for team building, staff morale and company profile. Through our Volunteer Program we can tailor a day to suit your needs. These days can range from painting the youth refuge, gardening and home maintenance to mentoring workshops plus much more. Individuals can also volunteer to support us in short or long term administrative/office roles helping us with the extra workload that comes with events and appeals.
- Gifts In-Kind - With over 20 homes to run, anything and everything will make a difference, from linen to appliances, food to furniture, minor maintenance to solar systems and not to forget fundraising prizes for events. Contact us to see what items are in short supply or high demand and keep an eye out for our regular appeals.

8. [Weave](#)

What could additional funds achieve?

\$10,000 would allow us to help 3-4 women and their children to relocate and set up a new home (removalists, food, essentials including mobile phone and data, home set up items, children's items (such as school uniforms, shoes, etc) and some furniture).

\$20,000 would allow us to run two therapeutic and educational 6 week programs for children who have been impacted by domestic and family violence. The program will promote healthy and stable relationships and help to break the cycle of domestic violence and abuse.

How could members of IMPACT100 Sydney North get involved?

There are lots of opportunities to volunteer at Weave:

- Our [Driving Change Program](#) relies on volunteer supervising drivers/mentors
- Our [Tutoring program](#) also relies on volunteer tutors/mentors
- Volunteering at Weave events such as our annual Mad Pride Youth event Mad Pride 2019 and our Be The Change event to raise awareness of domestic and family violence and abuse
- We also currently need tech devices donated eg. smart phones, laptops, iPad (second hand is fine as long as it can handle the latest software and applications)
- Food vouchers/gift vouchers to help people who are facing tough times.

For further information, please contact each organisation directly.