

Press Release

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Women's Community Shelters Receives Grant from SC Johnson

Women's Community Shelters (WCS) has received a grant from SC Johnson to support the delivery of increased Case Worker hours, (towards Outreach and Child Support) across the WCS shelter network in NSW.

The \$30,000 grant from SC Johnson will be used to provide vital additional Case Worker Hours to support increasing demand on the WCS shelter network.

The ultimate goal of a WCS Case Worker is to set a woman on the path to financial independence, social inclusion, empowerment, self-confidence and onto the road to recovery and prevent a return to the cycle of homelessness and domestic and family violence.

WCS Case Workers (CSW) also provide support to vulnerable children as they transition through their shelter stay, from crisis into long term housing, to connect children to support services, and to work with mothers to develop positive relationships, parenting models and address any mental health issues. The CSW also provides support, for kids who need it, to access culturally appropriate support services.

WCS would not work without the skilled staff that advocate and support the vulnerable women and children in their care. Due to limited funding, their shelters currently provide approximately 20 hrs per week in case worker hours but the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the need for more support for women and children residing in their shelters.

The \$30,000 provided by SC Johnson allows an extra 857 additional Case worker hours to be shared amongst their seven shelters, meaning an extra 122 hours of personalised, professional support per shelter.

Every day, WCS Case Workers work with women and children in shelter and advocate with a wide range of community agencies and develop professional connections to further assist with educating local agencies how to work with women and children experiencing domestic and family violence.

WCS has been so pleased with the expert support provided by their Outreach and Child Support and Programs that, where funds allow, they have made the role a key component of staffing across their network.

Annabelle Daniel, CEO, Women's Community Shelters, said: "Within the first 24 hours of entering a shelter, each woman is assigned a qualified Case Worker who assists them to access all the supports they need and we are incredibly grateful to SC Johnson for the funding they have provided towards increasing Case Worker hours across our network.

"As these programs currently receive no government funding, we rely on grants like this in order for us to continue our important work and enable over 370 women and children to access essential and life-changing services each year."

Women's Community Shelters (WCS) is an Australian based charity working directly with local communities to set up crisis accommodation shelters for women and children experiencing homelessness and domestic and family violence.

WCS' ground-breaking funding model brings together business and corporate support, philanthropic investment, Commonwealth and NSW State Government funding and vital local community fundraising to support our head office (Hub) and shelters. The Hub is not funded by government

For more information on Women's Community Shelters please visit: womenscommunityshelters.org.au

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Notes to Editors:

- *WCS offers vulnerable women at risk of homelessness or domestic violence shelter, active case management, support, dignity, self-esteem and a chance to start anew, through the establishment, operation and/or supervision and support of women's community shelters and low cost accommodation.*
- *WCS currently has 7 shelters across NSW, based in Manly, Hornsby, Great Lakes, the Hills, Penrith, Botany and Paramatta.*
- *WCS underwrites up to 2/3 of each shelter's funding for the first two years and up to 50% per annum in the following years.*
- *WCS's vision is to expand our network to at least 10 shelters across NSW by 2021, all linked together through technology.*
- *More than 50% of women who apply to crisis shelters are turned away as there is no room.*
- *Every night more than 56,000 women are homeless in Australia.*
- *Over 75% of homelessness is attributed to domestic violence.*
- *As a charity WCS relies on vital donations and grants to fund their important work helping women and children in need.*
- *To make a donation call them on 0432 630 359, visit womenscommunityshelters.org.au/donate*