

SJOS 2022 SPRING UPDATE

(The latest news from St Joseph's Outreach Services Inc.)

SJOS HIGHLIGHTS

We are starting to see more onward opportunities for those residing in the SJOS Units, and during Spring several families were able to move into more permanent public housing or private rentals. It is very rewarding for all at SJOS to see these families move on with their lives. One of the departing families had been in one of the units needing extensive renovation, so we will now be able to continue our renovation project. As families move on from the units, we also see more families needing emergency food relief. The SJOS Food Store has been very busy, with families attending increasing by over 30%. There are just so many challenges now for families in need.

Our mission is to provide transitional housing and support services to those in need, regardless of race or creed, and to work towards relieving the effects of poverty in our community.

SJOS OUTREACH OPERATIONS UPDATE

Spring 2022 has been the season of emergency food relief, with a major focus on the **SJOS Food Store**. The numbers of families seeking food relief is now over 240 per month and this increase greatly challenges the food supply. There has been lots of “eggs or no eggs” moments! COVID restrictions stopped the donations of food from the general public, except for our amazing friends from the Toorak Ecumenical Group’s **Food For Friends**, and sourcing food is difficult. Pricing is also an issue, as well as storage, since we need more storage space to handle the amount of food needed for a weekend giving. As a volunteer group, this shortage creates a lot of pressure. Fortunately, bread supply from **Woolworths** and **Baker’s Delight** is still consistent and our **SJOS Bread Bank** is well received.

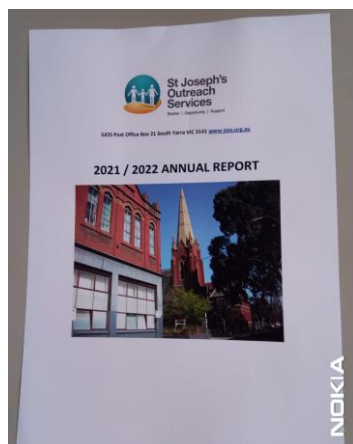
SJOS would like to thank **Jobs Victoria** who sent staffers to the Food Store during October to assist those attending the Food Store who might also need help with finding jobs and supporting their families.



Food For Friends Gifts

Jobs Victoria Poster

Bread From Woolworths



SJOS 2021/ 2022 Annual Report

SJOS 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Sunday 30 October 2022, SJOS held the Annual General Meeting for 2021/2022. Thank you to all those who took time on a Sunday to join the SJOS Board to review the year and present the Annual Report. There are a few changes to the board, as Joan Donoghue, Carmel Bateman, Peter Mahony and Anne Semple, all stepped down from their positions. SJOS thanks them for their support during their tenure on the board and congratulates the new incoming board for 2022 / 2023, chaired by Daniel Dorall, with Clare Taylor as Vice Chair, Jay Ralston-Phillips as Secretary and Raveen Kuhadas as Treasurer. The first Board Meeting for the new SJOS Board of Management will be held in late November 2022.



Patron: TBA

President: Ms. Joan Donoghue

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Friend-A-Thon Raffle Prize Winner

SJOS GARDEN CLUB

The new garden bed is now well into its growing mode and the Garden Team are working industriously on the new season's crop. The volunteer harvesting team are picking and bagging the harvest every week, allowing the families attending the Food Store to continue to enjoy fresh produce. SJOS would like to thank the Garden Club members for all their hard work and enthusiastic endeavours.



The SJOS Garden Team working in the garden and around the new garden bed

BETTER IMPACT ROLL OUT

SJOS Board of Management is pleased to report that the new streamlined volunteer engagement portal is nearly ready for roll-out. The Volunteer Engagement Team have been working on ways to introduce the new process and training sessions are being planned to ensure that all volunteers are comfortable with the new system.

FRIEND-A-THON | SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2022

The **SJOS Event Committee** held their first non-Sausage Sizzle Fundraising Event for 2022 with a casual "fun" walk around Albert Park Lake, followed by a picnic in the park. What a great activity on a sunny Melbourne Sunday. Congratulations to the organising group, the walkers, & the raffle prize winners.

SJOS RENOVATION WORKS TO COMMENCE

With the movement of some families from the SJOS Units into more permanent housing, SJOS will now be able to recommence the renovation project halted by COVID. Prior to the shut down one unit was completely renovated and Unit 4 is a one-bedroom unit that will now be prepared for refurbishment in early 2023. The plans include an all-new kitchen, new bathroom, and as additional storage area, as well as new flooring and window treatments.

2022 VOLUNTEERS END OF YEAR CELEBRATION | Tuesday 20 December 2022 | 6:00 pm

Save the date for the **SJOS Volunteers, Friends and Supporters Annual End of Year Celebration** to be held on Tuesday 20 December 2022, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. All drinks and nibbles will be provided and as in 2021, it is hoped that we will be able to celebrate outside, near the SJOS Garden area, with the South Yarra Parish Hall as a back-up option. Don't forget to **SAVE THE DATE | 20 DECEMBER 2022!**

DONATIONS TO SJOS ARE WELCOME AND WE SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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