



*“Without Lighthouse I have no idea where I would be. They are my family now and I know they’ll always be there for me.”*

Zach, aged 16

## We’re not just a house, we’re a home

Lighthouse Foundation provides homeless young people from backgrounds of long-term neglect and abuse, with a home, a sense of family, and around-the-clock therapeutic care that is individually tailored, trauma informed and proven to work.

Each suburban Lighthouse home provides safety, therapeutic counselling and guidance for up to four young people aged between 15 and 22, supported by two live-in carers and a dedicated team of psychologists and health professionals.

Through their Lighthouse experience, young people can heal, learn again to relate to others and start to rebuild their lives.

## Our Therapeutic Family Model of Care™

Lighthouse’s unique Therapeutic Family Model of Care™ enables young people to stay with Lighthouse for as long as they need and they can continue to access support through our Outreach programs after they transition into independent living.

Our best practice model provides 24-hour, seven days a week physical and emotional support, for as long as the young people need. On average each young person stays in a residential home for between 18-24 months.

The Lighthouse program provides young people with ‘life membership’. This means that even when a young person has moved out of a Lighthouse home, they remain connected to the Lighthouse family and community through our Outreach program.

Lighthouse depends on generous community support to enable our important work to continue.

Lighthouse is a registered charity with ATO endorsement for all Tax Concessions. We are non-denominational and independent, as well as accredited to provide homelessness services by the Quality Improvement Council Ltd.

## Referral and intake

If you would like to refer someone who is currently homeless, or are homeless yourself, please call 03 9093 7500 to speak to our Community Care team.

Our intake process varies with young people being regularly referred to us by homeless youth shelters, refuges, social workers and self or friend referral.

To donate to Lighthouse simply call 03 9093 7500 or go to [donate.lighthousefoundation.org.au](https://donate.lighthousefoundation.org.au).

For over 25 years Lighthouse Foundation has successfully supported over 800 young people to break the cycle of homelessness. Lighthouse provides homeless young people from backgrounds of long-term neglect and abuse, with a home, a sense of family, and around-the-clock therapeutic care that is proven to work.

## Our vision

Ending youth homelessness together.

## Our mission

To increase the availability of Lighthouse Foundation’s model of care to homeless young people throughout Australia.

## Our values

Respect  
Courage  
Kindness

