Homelessness in Australia
Fact Sheet

Lighthouse® Foundation

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.

"For every $1 donated to Lighthouse Foundation $12 of social value is returned to the community."

Peter Edwards, Lighthouse Foundation Chairman

Homelessness statistics

On any given night in Australia one in 200 people are homeless. There are 105,237 people homeless in Australia and 56% are male; 44% female. Almost half of the recorded homeless people in Australia are under the age of 25.

Most young people experiencing homelessness aren't homeless by choice, for many, the streets are often a safer option.

In Australia, every five minutes a child is hurt and abused. This is the very reason why Lighthouse Foundation Founder, Susan Barton AM, has been passionately focused on advocating for changes in the way we care for our most vulnerable and traumatised young people.

At Lighthouse we truly break the cycle of homelessness and change the outcome for those we care for, for the rest of their lives. By addressing issues associated with trauma during youth the likelihood of remaining homeless into adulthood decreases.

Our Therapeutic Family Model of Care™

The Lighthouse TFMC™ is proven to be one of the most cost-effective social programs in existence. Our unique model incorporates comprehensive theories on human development and supported practices from a range of disciplines.

A recent independent assessment of our model was commissioned by Social Ventures Australia to complete an analysis of Lighthouse Foundation's Social Return on Investment (SROI). It proved for every dollar received Lighthouse returns $12 of social value.

This independent evaluation showcases the substantial social investment all of our donors make by supporting our important work.

The Social Return On Investment (SROI) analysis is an internationally recognised methodology. For a full copy of the report contact office@lighthousefoundation.org.au.

At Lighthouse we know that youth homelessness is often the outcome of difficult upbringings. By providing young people with a safe, stable, family-style home environment coupled with tailored therapeutic care we help young people to recover from trauma and rebuild their lives.

In addition to our 25 years experience providing therapeutic, residential care Lighthouse has created a training arm, Lighthouse Institute.

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