



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.

“A Lighthouse home is exactly that - a home, in every sense of the word. A safe haven where you are respected, valued and loved.”

Susan Barton AM, Lighthouse Foundation Founder

Our unique Lighthouse homes

Lighthouse Foundation is about so much more than providing just a roof for homeless young people. It's about providing a home in every sense of the word.

Lighthouse homes are typical family homes, indistinguishable from their neighbours in suburbs across Melbourne. Each home accommodates up to four young people and two live-in carers.

The difference between Lighthouse homes and other residential services can be felt from the moment you enter the home. Furnishings are typical of any family home and are carefully selected to ensure a warm, inviting feel.

Photo frames adorn the walls, fridges are filled with certificates and appointment reminders and computers and televisions are kept in communal locations. Dinners are served on the table, encouraging young people to have conversations during meal time and weekly family meetings are held.

Donations of furniture, homewares and clothing are accepted by the Foundation on the condition that they are brand new only. This demonstrates to the young people that they are worthy of new possessions, respected and valued.

Our central hub

Our Youth Resource and Administration Centre, located in Richmond, is the central hub for all of our homes, young people, carers and staff members. It's a bright, welcoming space equipped with office facilities as well as a central kitchen, open pantry, bathrooms, laundry, counselling spaces, communal computers and lounge. Accessible to past and present Lighthouse young people it serves as a wonderful HQ for all of our community.

Celebrating milestones

For many of our Lighthouse young people typical milestones in their life have been missed. Giving a simple birthday cake, card or present may actually be the first time that they have received something with their name on it.

Labelling school supplies, celebrating achievements or coming together during the holidays are all important practices in a Lighthouse home.

The home is such an important part of our model of care and is so important in the recovery of our young people, who for many, have never had a safe home environment before.

To find out about how you can contribute goods or services or become a home sponsor contact 03 9093 7500 or office@lighthousefoundation.org.au.

