



Impact Report

Organisation name

Wesley Mission

Your name and position

Kevin Mezzone Operations Manager Wrap-Around Services

Please tell us a short story about someone who has benefited from this funding.

We have a young person aged 19 who was living with some friends in a unhealthy environment. Through the funding we were able to find alternate housing for the young person. Working alongside our Future Planning and Living skills case workers the young person has been trained in household budget and general skills in using household items. On top of this the young person has been trained in administration and has now been successful with employment.

Please describe the impact that the specific TFN funding has had.

The funding has helped us to have staff available to support all young people within Wesley Dalmar who are reaching the age of 18 and be part of their leaving care plans. Also to be proactive in ensuring all young people turning 18 and leaving the care system have housing, either in our Kick Start house in Ermington or through other forms of housing. The funding has been instrumental in providing support and resources to up skill our young people in living skills and prepare them for paid employment.

Please provide a quantitative breakdown of how TFN funds have been used

\$5,000 - Accommodation & housing supports for vulnerable young people

\$5,000 - Supporting young people with living skills and maintaining a home

\$5,000 - Supporting young people in education, training and providing job opportunities.

Describe any ways the funding was used that differs from that described your original pitch

The funding has been used in line with the original pitch.

How many people have been affected by programs or activities that were supported with TFN funding?

67 young people have worked directly with our Take Charge of Your Life program. This has supported the young people's families indirectly. We anticipate the number to increase each year.

What measures did you use to assess the impact?

We work closely with the young people involved and hold case reviews, feedback forms and speak directly tracking the progress of the young people.

There are forms used to capture the living skills each young person achieves so they too can follow their own progress.

Other measures include their job status, training log and current accommodation situation.

Describe three ways that your organisation has changed in the last 12 months since the event

1. Creative, Intuitive and Proactive approach to supporting young people who have left care and about to leave care.
2. A Program (TCOYL) to directly support vulnerable young people who in the past may have left care and fallen through the gaps in the community.
3. The sector has shifted to focus on 'permanency of care' that involves restoration, adoption and guardianship for young people in care rather than staying in long term care when appropriate. This reduces the risk that presents itself upon leaving care with little family or community support.

Over the last 12 months, did you receive any additional financial support from anyone you met through TFN?

No

Over the last 12 months, did you receive any goods in-kind and/or pro-bono services from anyone you met through TFN?

No

How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives this year?

We would have found it difficult to achieve our objectives without TFN funding

Has the TFN pitch coaching mentoring helped you successfully secure funding from other sources you did not meet through TFN?

No

What were some of the other benefits of participating in TFN?

Networking with other community partners who have a true passion to support the vulnerable young people we work with.

Do you have any other comments or feedback on the TFN experience or funding process?

In my experience this has been worthwhile and we appreciate the support you have provided.