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Building Better Communities

**Give Where You Live Foundation** aims to address one of the most complex and entrenched social issues in our community - disadvantage.

In some parts of our community the level of disadvantage is at alarming and unacceptable levels - we are determined to ensure that this changes. Generally, people do not experience disadvantage when they have access to an education that enables them to obtain a life sustaining job, and they are not limited by a debilitating life crisis. The Foundation aims to ensure that these conditions exist for all members of our community.

Since 1954, the **Give Where You Live Foundation** has been bringing together individual community donors, corporate supporters and service delivery community partners to help achieve our mission. With our partners and donors we work together to Build Better Communities by providing grants and delivering programs that help provide educational and employment opportunities and support people experiencing life crises.

Our mission is to create long-term sustainable change for those suffering the effects of disadvantage. The Foundation is one the largest annual community grant makers in the country but our focus is on long term impact. While we are known as grant makers, our aim is to be change makers.



## SUPPORTING ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION

Research confirms that ensuring access to, and supporting students through education is a pathway out of disadvantage. The education level of a person is an important predictor of future employment, welfare and health outcomes as well as improving a person's ability to participate socially and economically within the community.

Through our **LIVE & LEARN GRANTS** we provide grants that support focus areas of access to quality education, school readiness as well as disadvantaged and disengaged youth.



Through the Foundation's **ENGAGE - YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY PROGRAM** we support the development of young people and support them to identify the key issues relating to young people. Our program builds the skills and experiences of a core group of young people to engage more effectively in school and the community by developing and managing a youth led grant process, that results in grants to organisations helping solve issues facing young people in the community.

## SUPPORTING ACCESS TO SUSTAINING EMPLOYMENT

Evidence clearly illustrates that one of the most effective ways to reduce persistent and entrenched disadvantage in a community is to reduce joblessness. The evidence suggests that not only do jobs need to be generated in disadvantaged communities, but they must also be actively linked to long-term job-seekers, who, in turn, require support to ensure that employment opportunity provides them with the maximum life benefit.

Through our **LIVE & LEARN GRANTS** we provide grants that support focus areas of ensuring access to employment: education, training and employment pathways.



Through the Foundation's **GROW** Initiative (G21 Region Opportunities for Work) we are working, in partnership with G21 Geelong Region Alliance, to ensure employment opportunities are created within areas experiencing long-term and persistent disadvantage.

GROW is a unique regional strategy which focuses on specific target areas of place-based, entrenched disadvantage. Through strategic alignment and catalysing collective action, GROW is helping to create employment opportunities using the existing economic levers of social procurement and impact investment. Importantly, GROW aims to ensure that jobs opportunities flow to our most disadvantaged communities, initially focusing on target areas: Norlane, Corio, Whittington and Colac.

## PROMOTING WELLBEING AND LIMITING A LIFE CRISIS

A life crisis can be debilitating, limiting and sometimes life altering to a point of devastation. Promoting and supporting resilience while also assisting those experiencing acute and life altering crises helps ensure people attain education, maintain employment and continue to economically and socially participate in the community. Our work in this area includes providing assistance to those experiencing: relationship breakdowns, severe loss (of a loved one, job, home), physical health issues, violence and trauma and mental health challenges.

Through our **HEALTH & WELLBEING GRANTS** we provide grants that support focus areas that supporting the wellbeing of those in our community such as healthy aging; living with a disability; reducing risky choices as well as those experiencing a life crisis.

Through our **SURVIVE & THRIVE GRANTS** we provide grants that support focus areas of supporting life crisis such as homelessness and housing support, financial skills and ongoing financial management, emergency relief and basic food security.



Through the Foundation's **FEED GEELONG** program, we are working to improve the immediate food security of those most in need by providing Direct Assistance Vouchers that give recipients access to emergency food, pharmacy products and material aid such as furniture. Through our Feed Geelong program we also provide grants to community organisations that are, rescuing and distributing food, providing bulk food assistance to clients, and those that provide cooked meals to members of the community that otherwise would not eat.

# GRANTS

## LIVE & LEARN GRANTS

support education and employment as pathways out of disadvantage. Studies across the world indicate that education success rates at school and post-school are often determined by parents' wealth, occupational status, education and aspirations. Education inequality then flows to employment inequality.

As a result, the Give Where You Live Foundation provides grants related to School Readiness, Disadvantaged and Disengaged Young People and Education, Training and Employment Pathways.

### ARDOCH YOUTH FOUNDATION \$29,760

To improve the school readiness of over 300 vulnerable young children in Corio and Norlane through the targeted support of trained volunteers, books and resources to build children's literacy, language, communication, social and cognitive skills.

### AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF DISABILITY ORGANISATIONS \$29,820

To increase employment opportunities, retention of staff and improve access for customers who have a disability by building the capacity of Geelong region businesses to become more welcoming, confident and accessible of people with disabilities.

### BLUEARTH FOUNDATION \$30,000

To reduce challenging behaviours and unplanned exit from school by developing active young leaders at Northern Bay College through a program that focuses on respect, responsibility and energy to develop confidence and cooperation.

### BLUEBIRD FOUNDATION (ENGAGE GRANT) \$15,000

To break down the stigma of youth homelessness and build community connections through Athena's Guild a community-based arts and health project bringing together musicians/song-writers and homeless youth.

### BLUEBIRD FOUNDATION \$30,000

To improve school readiness of children aged up to 5 years living in the 3214 postcode through arts-based parent/child sessions and supports.

### CATHOLICCARE \$30,000

To address the complex issues faced by young refugees in Geelong through the support of Settle Well, a school-based counselling and support program that focuses on meeting these young people's career aspirations and to give them the best chance of successful settlement in Australia.

### DOXA \$30,000

To improve interest and participation in secondary schooling, build understanding of early career pathways and provide life skills to resolve barriers to education through support for Future Focus G21, a two-year transitions program for students who experience disadvantage during Years 7 and 8.

### EDCONNECT AUSTRALIA \$29,537

To boost the social, emotional and learning outcomes of 130 young students at risk of disengagement at 8 government primary and secondary schools across the region by connecting them to 40 older residents as weekly classroom learning support volunteers.

### ENCOMPASS COMMUNITY SERVICES \$30,000

To create opportunities and employment pathways for people with disabilities and from disadvantaged communities by building an exceptional engaged and empowered volunteer workforce.

### MACKILLOP FAMILY SERVICES \$29,810

To strengthen educational success and social participation of disadvantaged, educationally disengaged young people aged 7-18 years through the Tuning In music program.

### OCEAN MIND \$30,000

To create connected supportive communities for young people experiencing social isolation, mental health issues or disabilities aged 8-18 years through the therapeutic benefits of surfing and mentoring.

### SOMEBODY'S DAUGHTER THEATRE COMPANY \$30,000

To support young people aged 12-24 years who are disengaged or at risk of disengaging from education through the Reach for It program; an intensive multi-arts project based at Courthouse Youth Arts.

### THE LADDER PROJECT FOUNDATION (ENGAGE GRANT) \$10,000

To improve the mental and physical wellbeing of homeless or at risk young people.

### THE SMITH FAMILY \$30,000

To strengthen reading and literacy skills of pre-school children living in disadvantaged families within the communities of Corio, Norlane, North Shore and Whittington through the Smith Family Let's Read program.

### THE SONG ROOM \$15,000

To deliver a music and creative arts project that enhances school engagement, learning outcomes, socio-emotional well-being and community connectedness at Whittington Primary School.

### WESTERN EDGE YOUTH ARTS \$15,000

To develop oral language skills, social connectedness and engagement in learning for 150 children aged 5-12 years at Whittington Primary School through a sophisticated drama education performance program.

### WHITELION \$28,445

To increase and strengthen employment retention for disadvantaged young people aged 15-25 years, through the Whitelion Employment Mentoring program which will match young people with a mentor, providing a relationship to normalise everyday workplace situations, assist with the challenges that new employment presents, whilst also increasing personal well-being, resilience and connection to community.

## SURVIVE & THRIVE GRANTS

contribute to the basic levels of economic security including food, shelter, pharmacy and household goods for the most vulnerable people in our community. Low socio-economic resources are a major cause of entrenched and multiple disadvantage. Income inequality is a key issue facing our region and the resulting disadvantage continues to be concentrated in certain geographic areas.

As a result, the Give Where You Live Foundation provides grants related to Homelessness and Housing Support, Financial Skills and Ongoing Financial Strategies and Regional Emergency Relief and basic Food Security.

### ANGLESEA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY HOUSE \$7,752

To support the availability of affordable secondhand goods for those in need in the Surf Coast through the purchase and use of an electric tow buggy at the Anglesea Re-Sale Shed.

### CHRIST CHURCH COMMUNITY MEALS PROGRAM (FEED GEELONG GRANT) \$5,000

To improve meal participant's health by providing fresh fruit.

### DIVERSITAT (FEED GEELONG GRANT) \$5,000

To provide culturally appropriate food to asylum seekers.

### DRYSDALE FAMILY SUPPORT (FEED GEELONG GRANT) \$30,000

To improve the food security and the health and wellbeing of residents on the Bellarine Peninsula through the operation of a Foodbank service.

### FARESHARE AUSTRALIA (FEED GEELONG GRANT) \$10,000

To strengthen the organisation's ability to deliver free nutritious ready-made meals each year to disadvantaged residents in Geelong by upgrading their database and IT systems.

### 2 & 5 CAFE (FEED GEELONG GRANT) \$10,000

To provide accessible, affordable and healthy food to the community of Norlane through a cafe situated in the heart of the neighbourhood.

### GEELONG FOOD RELIEF CENTRE (FEED GEELONG GRANT) \$30,000

To improve food security in the Geelong region by providing adequate fresh, nutritious and relevant food to families who are experiencing disadvantage.

### GEELONG FOOD RELIEF CENTRE (FEED GEELONG GRANT) \$5,000

To improve nutrition through educational cooking demonstrations.

### GEELONG MUMS (FEED GEELONG GRANT) \$2,000

To provide specialised formula for newborn babies.

### GEELONG MUMS \$29,849

To improve safety and reduce isolation for disadvantaged babies, children and their families through the provision of material aid including cots/mattresses, car restraints, prams, clothing and other essentials.

### LAZARUS COMMUNITY CENTRE \$7,500

To provide a safe place of unconditional welcome for homeless and disadvantaged people in the Geelong region that provides facilities for showering and clothes laundering, as well as entertainment such as TV, games and computers.

### ONECARE GEELONG (FEED GEELONG GRANT) \$4,100

To support the Community Meals program and Global Food Share program.

### SAMARITAN HOUSE GEELONG \$30,000

To address homelessness in the Geelong for men aged 18 years and over by strengthening the financial independence of Samaritan House.

### SAMARITAN HOUSE (FEED GEELONG GRANT) \$5,000

To provide nutritious food to homeless men.

### SECONDBITE (FEED GEELONG GRANT) \$5,000

To support the collection and redistribution fresh food.

### THE OUTPOST (FEED GEELONG GRANT) \$30,000

To meet the immediate needs of those experiencing extreme/crisis circumstances, including the homeless, single parent families, and increasingly, the working poor, through the provision of meals and material aid.

### UNITING (FORMERLY UNITINGCARE GEELONG) \$30,000

To assist members of our community who are homeless or are in danger of becoming homeless by providing a case worker who will advocate for them and provide specialist expertise.

### UNITING (FEED GEELONG GRANT) \$4,745

To improve access to nutritious food by installing a freezer at the Norlane Food Room.

### URBAN SEED (FEED GEELONG GRANT) \$30,000

To improve food security and build community connection to address related issues of disadvantage in Norlane by funding leadership and oversight of Urban Seed's Spruhan Avenue Hub.



# GRANTS

## HEALTH & WELLBEING GRANTS

improve social inclusion and access, as well as physical and mental health. Good health is not shared equally across the region, reflecting the social determinants of health. Health status and the determinants of health vary markedly between the life stages, from conception through to infancy, early childhood, youth, adulthood and older adulthood. Analysis also suggests that socioeconomic factors have a large impact on health.

As a result, the Give Where You Live Foundation provides grants related to: Healthy Ageing, Living with a Disability, Reducing Risky Choices and Life Crises.

**A COLLABORATIVE OF DIVERSITAT, G21 REGION ALLIANCE, BARWON HEALTH, DIVERSITAT, WESTERN VICTORIA PRIMARY HEALTH NETWORK, CATHOLIC CARE AND BARWON CHILD, YOUTH & FAMILY**  
**\$30,000**

To strengthen mental health services pathways across agencies for people from a refugee and asylum seeker background in the G21 area by empowering refugees and asylum seekers to access the mental health system and supporting the provision of culturally appropriate services.

**BACK TO BACK THEATRE INC**  
**\$30,000**

To increase social inclusion and welfare for, and challenge negative attitudes towards, people living with intellectual disabilities in the Geelong region, by providing arts-based community programs that include workshops, training opportunities, mentorships and performances.

**BARWON CHILD, YOUTH & FAMILY**  
**\$30,000**

To increase the number of foster care places available for vulnerable children and young people in order to foster their healthy social, emotional, physical and cognitive development by increasing the number of foster carers and enhancing the stability of foster care placements.

**BARWON DISABILITY RESOURCE COUNCIL**  
**\$29,899**

To support working for and beside people with disabilities, their families and carers to address their needs, achieve their outcomes and to lessen disadvantage and discrimination through advocacy at an individual and systemic level.

**BARWON NETWORK OF NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSES**  
**\$30,000**

To strengthen education and employment pathways for vulnerable learners in Neighbourhood Houses by supporting committees of management and coordinators to maintain a focus on learning for life and learning for earning outcomes.

**BELLARINE SECONDARY COLLEGE**  
**\$10,000**

To reduce negative impacts on the lives of youth by providing an appropriate wellbeing space for targeted wellbeing and mental health programs for students.

**BRAVEHEARTS FOUNDATION**  
**\$14,950**

To educate, empower and protect children from sexual assault through Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Show an incursion for kindergarten and junior primary school students.

**COMMUNITIES THAT CARE**  
**\$30,000**

To reduce early age alcohol use and parental supply of alcohol, to strengthen family relationships by reducing family conflict, and to improve school completion of young people in Corio, Norlane and Lara; by way of a collective impact model which partners with community groups, businesses and government.

**COMMUNITY VERACITY LIMITED**  
**\$6,980**

To create a safe environment for people recovering from addiction and to provide ongoing support after intensive treatments by supporting the renovation works related to the Power of One Drop-in Centre.

**DEAKIN UNIVERSITY (INNOVATION GRANT)**  
**\$140,000**

To reduce the likelihood that a person will commit further crime and return to prison by providing them with a structured peer mentoring program upon release from prison. The peer-mentoring program will provide direct support and referral to a range of support services that support people who are disadvantaged.

**DELTA SOCIETY**  
**\$8,489**

To improve the health and wellbeing and decrease social isolation of the elderly, the disabled and the socially disadvantaged through the Delta Therapy Dogs program. The program brings the joy of animal companionship and benefits of animal therapy to those who need it most - spending time with patients, offering a chat, a floppy ear to listen and a paw to shake.

**DIVERSITAT**  
**\$75,000**

To break down barriers for culturally and linguistically diverse people with a disability to access disability support services including NDIS through the development of a Diversability Centre at Diversitat's Northern Community Cultural Precinct.

**FOUNDATION 61**  
**\$30,000**

To support a long-term residential rehabilitation program for people dealing with life-controlling issues usually associated with drug and alcohol addiction.

**GATEWAYS SUPPORT SERVICES**  
**\$7,380**

To provide quality services to children and adults with a disability or dementia to live more independently and increase community access and inclusion, by attracting and recruiting appropriate staff.

**HOPE BEREAVEMENT SERVICES**  
**\$15,000**

To assist those bereaved by the death of a child in navigating to a new place of normality as productive, contributing citizens through support at the time of crisis and through on-going bereavement support groups.

**KIDS FOUNDATION**  
**\$15,000**

To assist seniors and young children to stay safe, healthy and happy through Connecting Generation Geelong an adopt a grand-buddy program that brings together active kindergarten children and the older generation to build special friendships and promote injury reduction.

**KIDS PLUS FOUNDATION (MULTI-YEAR CAPITAL WORKS GRANT)**  
**\$225,000**

To deliver specialist therapy programs for babies, children and young adults with neuro-developmental disabilities through the creation of a National Centre for Therapy, Research and Training.

**LIFE EDUCATION GEELONG**  
**\$10,000**

To partner with primary school communities to deliver a health and drug education program in the Geelong region, including those in postcodes 3219 and 3214.

**LIFEBOAT GEELONG**  
**\$13,000**

To provide practical and personal support to victims of sexual abuse by both religious and community based organisations.

**LIFELINE GEELONG BARWON REGION**  
**\$30,000**

To support Lifeline Geelong Barwon Region's ability to support those in crisis or distress through the development of a community and corporate training program.

**LORNE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL (INNOVATION GRANT)**  
**\$140,000**

To support the healthy aging of those experiencing cognitive decline and dementia by developing and piloting a secure tablet that will allow family and caregivers to remotely input appointments, reminders and alerts. Ability to maintain a calendar of appointments, medications and activities will help those experiencing cognitive decline to maintain their independence and physical health.

**ONECARE GEELONG**  
**\$30,000**

To offer targeted support to families and individuals at risk of experiencing disadvantage and social isolation by addressing underlying issues identified by participants such as the risk of isolation, poverty, conflict or addiction through the COACH Community Mentoring program.

**RIDING FOR THE DISABLED - BARWON CENTRE**  
**\$10,000**

To enable children with disabilities to experience enjoyment, challenge, and a sense of achievement through participation in equestrian activities to improve their quality of life, attain personal goals and develop life skills.

**SIROVILLA**  
**\$32,500**

To support healthy aging and social inclusion for lower income seniors in Geelong and Anglesea through the purchase of a bus to support excursions and activities.

**SOLVE DISABILITY SOLUTIONS**  
**\$10,000**

To enable people with disabilities in to live more independently and have the opportunity to pursue their goals at home, at school, at work and at leisure by providing highly customised equipment that meets their individual needs.

**STROKE ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA**  
**\$25,000**

To support the long-term, social, emotional and physical rehabilitation needs of stroke survivors and their carers with the goal of reducing social isolation and promoting community re-integration through support of the Barwon Stroke Support Centre.

**THE HUMOUR FOUNDATION**  
**\$7,000**

To enhance the health and wellbeing of sick children in University Hospital Geelong through Clown Doctors; professional performers who deliver doses of fun and laughter to the bedside of sick vulnerable children when in hospital.

**THE SANCTUARY COUNSELLING CENTRE**  
**\$30,000**

To reduce psychological distress and the associated risk of depression, suicide, social isolation, and family breakdown for individuals and families experiencing a life-challenging illness through the provision of specialist counselling, group support and information for individuals and their families.

**VISION AUSTRALIA**  
**\$13,600**

To ensure that children who are blind or have low vision can safely play, integrate and participate fully in their most formative years for positive physical and mental health and wellbeing outcomes by providing Environmental Modification Assessment and Reports to their places of education.

**VOLUNTEERING GEELONG**  
**\$15,000**

To facilitate opportunities for people to engage in volunteering, build the capacity of community organisations to effectively develop and manage their volunteer programs and develop strategies and innovations to further enhance and promote the role and importance of volunteering in our region.

**WESLEY CENTRE FOR LIFE ENRICHMENT**  
**\$20,000**

To improve the wellbeing of people of limited income and resources whose lives are affected on a daily basis by issues of stress, anxiety, and depression through the provision of counselling services.



## TAKE ACTION NOW

Make disadvantage **YOUR** business and please support the **Give Where You Live Foundation NOW**

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### BUSINESS - BIG OR SMALL

The Give Where You Live Foundation has a partnership opportunity to suit all businesses. Whether it's as a Tiered Partner, a partner of GROW (G21 Region Opportunities for Work), an event sponsor or as a small business partnering with the BIG Program.

For further information on how business can support the Give Where You Live Foundation please visit [givewhereyoulive.com.au](http://givewhereyoulive.com.au) or phone **5229 4364**.

### BEQUEST

Once you've ensured your loved ones are taken care of, you can leave a lasting legacy to your community through a bequest to the Give Where You Live Foundation.

Please discuss your bequest with your legal advisor or please phone the Foundation on **5229 4364**.

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