

# New hope for the New Year...

## Anna's story

I knew my ex-husband was a violent man – I had been abused by him for years – but I never thought he would turn violent towards our four-year-old son, Tom. The day Tom told me that his dad had been hurting him, my whole world came crashing down. My blood was boiling, I was so angry at my ex-husband, and at myself. How could I let my son down like this? I was a complete mess and I had no idea who to turn to or where to go.

Eventually I reached out to a couple of services, desperate for some advice and direction, but no one seemed to understand my situation or the fear I was feeling. Finally, someone recommended I contact Jannawi.

I instantly felt at ease with the Jannawi staff members. They listened to my story and my worries without judgment, and I knew they had both mine and Tom's best interests at heart. Together, we contacted the Police and Child Protection Services, something I had never had the courage to do in the past, and they helped me complete all the administrative details that were required.

**“The staff at Jannawi supported me and gave me the courage to make positive changes in my life.”**



The support didn't stop there. Tom and I visited Jannawi weekly to attend therapy sessions and to have a play in the playground, I desperately wanted to create some normality for Tom, and we both felt safe and happy at the centre.

The staff at Jannawi were not only generous with their time and efforts, but with their love and compassion. They helped me deal with my anxiety issues, and taught me how to communicate with my son about all the 'hard stuff'. I'm forever grateful for the tools and support they have provided me and the positive impact they have had on my son.

Tom and I have support in all aspects of our lives now, financially and emotionally, and this would not have been possible without Jannawi.

Now, I am no longer looking over my shoulder in fear, but looking forward with hope. And so is Tom.



## Jannawi



### From the Director

In Australia, on average, one woman a week is murdered by her current or former partner - an alarming statistic of the violence that exists in our society today. What's also alarming is that more than two thirds of mothers that experienced violence from their partner, said their children had seen or heard the violence. Families in these despairing situations need a range of different services to help them feel safe and protected. Jannawi is one of the few services in Australia that provides that much-needed holistic approach to address domestic and family violence. As well as providing traditional support services, we help alleviate the pain and suffering in any way we can. Anna's story is just one of the many situations we deal with time and time again. As the year comes to a close, we ask for your support to help people like Anna and Tom have the care, hope and stability that every family deserves.

Best wishes for a safe and happy festive season,

Biljana Milosevic



## A REASON FOR GIVING

At Jannawi, your donations go a long way. We are raising funds for a second centre to accommodate the growing needs of the community, and to ensure families are never turned away in times of need. Donations will go towards a new centre, as well as cover costs associated with Jannawi's services.



**\$50**

helps with much-needed food vouchers and activities/support during school holidays



**\$200**

supports a child to attend school activities such as camps, to get a break from home



**\$1,000**

helps fund six months of transport service for all families at Jannawi



**\$2,500**

helps domestic violence victims re-establish a new, safe home



**\$5,000**

will build a trauma sensitive sensory garden for hurt and abused children to play, interact and enjoy

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