

You can give hope **AT TAX TIME**

TO KIDS LIKE Aimee

Aimee's* Mum was living in a relationship marred by domestic violence, drugs and alcohol. It was suspected her partner had sexually abused little Aimee too. Unable to cope with the reality of her own situation or communicate with her little girl, life was grim and the future looked hopeless.

So, when she was just three, Aimee was removed from her Mum and put into foster care. It looked like she would spend her childhood in care.

Originally Jannawi was asked only to provide contact between Aimee and her Mum and the authorities had already recommended long-term foster care for Aimee.

Family Centre Director, Biljana Milosevic noted, "When we met her Mum we saw that she had the potential to care for her daughter. So we wanted to try and do more.

Aimee's great-grandmother became involved and provided extra support and care and a place for Aimee's mum to live in safety.

For Jannawi it was a long two year journey working with this family. But the outcome was worth the effort.

Aimee's Mum is undertaking a TAFE Course, and continuing long-term counselling as part of a university project. She now has a new supportive and appropriate partner who visits regularly.

When we first met Aimee at Jannawi, she was failing to thrive physically and emotionally. **Now she is back living with her Mum and Great Gran, her relationship with her mother is flourishing and she is doing well at school. She is growing normally and even learning the violin!**

Please donate to our tax campaign so more children like Aimee can live and thrive with their own families.

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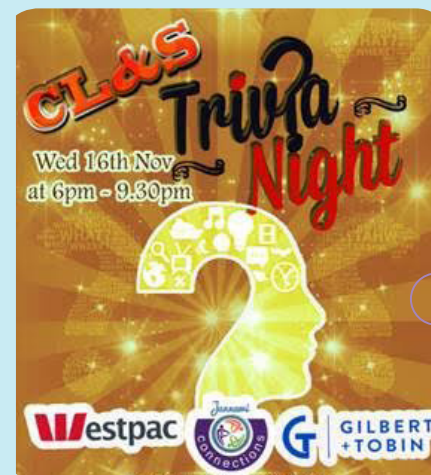
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Thanks Westpac!

Jannawi Connections was selected as the charity for the annual Westpac Compliance Legal & Secretariat Trivia Night, held on the 16th November 2016.

Overlooking Sydney Harbour, 120 guests were treated to a fun night at the Barangaroo venue. Gilbert + Tobin donated the food and drinks. Special guest Biljana Milosevic, the Director of Jannawi Family Centre, spoke about the Centre's work.

Following some healthy trivia competition and prizes, the night raised more than \$3,500 - which was then matched by Westpac!



Thanks to the event sponsors: Gilbert + Tobin, Kemp Strang, David Jones, Westpac, Kevin McKenzie Hair

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JANNAWI - A SAFE PLACE FOR FAMILIES TO HEAL

We are on journey to

HELP MORE KIDS IN CRISIS

Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter. In this edition I want to share with you some of Jannawi's stories and why it is so necessary for us to reach our destination - to provide Jannawi with a second Family Centre.

As well, along the way, we need help with upgrades to the existing Centre so we can continue to provide the warm, nurturing environment that is needed to help children in crisis heal. Our staff do a wonderful job, but it is hard for them to cope when cases like Jarrod's are presented to them.

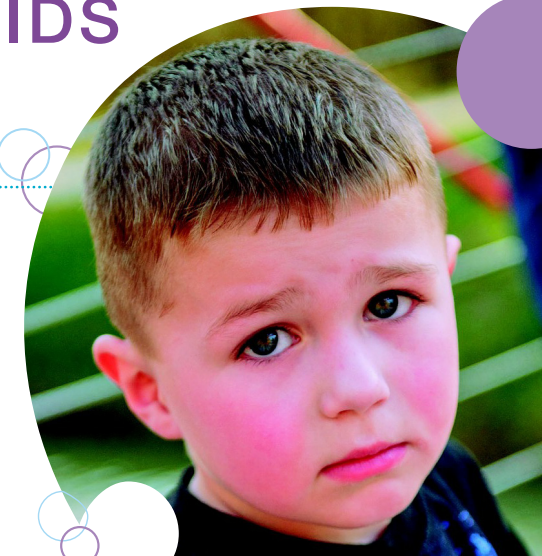
Brave little 5-year old Jarrod* told our family worker he was being sexually abused by his Dad. **But because Jannawi's Family Centre was full and there were no rooms available, he had to tell his horrible secret in the front reception area.**

We don't think any child should have to share their stories in such a public space.

But in some ways Jarrod was more fortunate than some other children who need help - because we didn't have to turn him away.

Jannawi's work is based on restoring hope for families, most importantly children, so it is painful when we have to say 'no'.

We have to turn people in crisis away - we want to help but just don't have the space or resources



*Names and images changed to protect privacy

At Jannawi, in just one month, we had to say no to five women and their children who were referred to us. We desperately wanted to help them, but because we don't have the space and resources we couldn't. Sometimes it is the Dads that need our counselling and support too.

In 2015-16 162,000, or 1 in 33 children in Australia received child protection services, many of them experiencing emotional abuse and neglect.

You can see the scope of the problem and why we need your support to help as many children and families in crisis as we can.

Please join me on our journey to secure a second Jannawi Family Centre.

With kind regards,

Leanne Wallace

Leanne Wallace
Chair of the Board



Reflections:

FROM JANNAWI FAMILY CENTRE

Our primary goals are to ensure the children referred have an opportunity to enjoy a childhood without trauma and abuse, to provide them and their parents with support, and wherever possible enable restoration

RESTORING HOPE

Sarah was three years old when she first came to Jannawi. She had been removed from the care of her parents who both had alcohol and drug issues and had separated. In addition, her mum had a history of childhood trauma herself.

Sarah's behaviour was chaotic, she was difficult to manage and she'd had few boundaries set for her in her young life.

Although we were supporting both parents, we were asked to work closely with her dad, who had left the relationship, but maintained contact with his daughter.

He was anxious to have his daughter returned to his care, and it was heart warming to see how hard he was willing to work to have this happen. Sometimes people just need a helping hand to get their lives on track.

He didn't miss an appointment, and began to understand the risk factors for his daughter that had led to her removal into care. We organised contact visits and helped him deal with his issues. When the Court granted restoration to him we continued to help him manage Sarah's behaviour.

The outcomes for Sarah have been wonderful to watch

They participated in intensive weekly sessions at home, at Jannawi and at childcare.

We helped Dad set firm and consistent boundaries for Sarah.

He had the support of his parents too – so our work involved the extended family.

Sarah's Mum is also being supported at Jannawi where she is learning how to engage with her daughter.

It is only three months since Sarah and her Dad formed a family again.

Already she is a different child - happier, calmer, engaging in play, listening and can sit still for up to 20 minutes (she couldn't managed to concentrate for longer than a minute when we first met her)!

creating HEALING SPACES

Healing people from trauma relies on creating spaces that are designed to be nurturing and therapeutic to reduce stress. Eliminating noise, glare and lack of privacy, and connecting people with views to the outdoors all play a part.

It is not easy to create a calming, nurturing place just behind a busy major 6-lane thoroughfare, but it is essence of the 40-year old Jannawi Family Centre in South-Western Sydney's Wiley Park (pictured here)

These elements will also form a critical part of the design of our second Jannawi Family Centre.

We need to raise more than \$2 million to create our healing place to help more children and families.

If you can help us financially or by providing specialised services and expertise, we would love to hear from you.



DO YOU know

It costs on average \$30,000 to keep a child in care for a year.

Last year Jannawi supported 8 children returning home from foster care to live with their parents in safe and happy homes

Keeping children in families saves money for the Government and contributes to a better society.

\$2,000 can provide up to 20 counselling sessions or 5 months' worth of weekly sessions

up to 20 weeks of case management, which includes safety planning and court support for victims

an 8 week parenting program that supports parents who have had their children removed

GIVING BACK TO OUR community

Jannawi collaborates with staff from welfare, health, educational and children's services to enhance their ability to respond to 'at risk', abused and neglected children and their families

On the 7th April, Jannawi donated time to provide free training to Pacific Communities workers on trauma informed practice. The half day was attended by 30 people working with their communities across a range of agencies throughout Sydney. The training provided a model of working with individuals

and families who have experienced inter-personal trauma via a cultural lens.

Great workshop, good to thrash out the issues/response in regards to Pacific communities. Great networking with other services from various backgrounds all keen to make a difference.

Workshop participant

The venue was donated by Bankstown Sports Club which meant we didn't need to charge for the training.

We love this special thank you written on the playroom board from one of the children we helped!

