

## our on-going appeal for volunteers and donations.

The costs of running and maintaining our services continues to increase. Electricity costs have risen enormously. Additional costs for repairs, furniture and electrical items for the units, groceries for the Food Store and general maintenance are inevitable but with volunteers undertaking all cleaning and maintenance, overheads are kept to the minimum.

With thirteen units to maintain and weekly cleaning of the common areas, shopping for food and serving in the store at weekends, we are always looking for new volunteers who can share these roles. Please see below for contact details if you would like to offer your energy and time as volunteer.

## about us.....

### EMERGENCY HOUSING ASSOCIATION (EHASS)

Founded in 1998, by parish priest, Father John Barry, together with a small group of parishioners, St Joseph's Emergency Housing Association (EHASS), transformed an old parish school building in Fitzgerald Street, South Yarra, into transitional housing for people awaiting public housing.



In 2001, the first four self contained units were completed. A further funding campaign was undertaken to convert more of the building into an additional 6 self contained units. They were completed in 2004.

All 10 units are fully maintained by a team of local volunteers who manage cleaning, maintenance and the welcoming of tenants.



*In 2006 the work of the Association was acknowledged by the City of Stonnington with the Community Group of the Year Award.*

The Emergency Housing Project is managed by the Prahran-Malvern Housing Association who provide back-up and support and work with a number of agencies dealing with homelessness and crisis accommodation. Tenants pay a generously subsidized rental.



## ST. JOSEPH'S EMERGENCY HOUSING ASSOCIATION



*"community meeting those in need"*



*The Association has contributed over ten years of service to those displaced and in need of transitional accommodation. Its work is generously supported by a number of philanthropic organizations.*



**ST. JOSEPH'S SOUTH  
YARRA EMERGENCY  
HOUSING ASSOCIATION  
INC. (EHASS)**

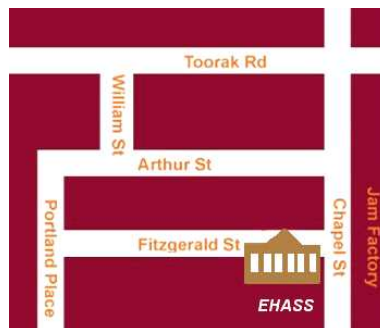
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**Contact :**

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Established 1998



*"I was a stranger and you gave me a home."*

*(Matthew: 25:35)*

## Some Testimonials:

*"We were sleeping in a car. Coming to the units changed our lives, that's where we started our family, it opened so many doors for us. I have a good job now. The units at St Joseph's were the place where it all began to improve for us."* Tufan

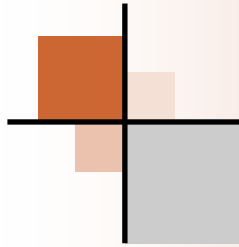
*"The 5 weeks gave me the time to get my head right. I'd been depressed and worried about my kids. I realized while we were staying at St Joseph's that I needed to get things back on track. I put in a couple of job applications and we're going to be alright now."* David

*"My baby was due any day and I was so scared staying where we were. We had to share a bathroom and I was too scared to go on my own. I was able to sleep for the first time in months when we came to the unit. My baby was born there. It was good to come home from the hospital to our own safe place. I want to keep in touch with the people at St Joseph's."* Natalia

### Contact Details:

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## what has been achieved:

- Since the units opened, 22 babies have been born whilst their family was living at St Joseph's. A total of 95 children, 115 women and 55 men have been residents in the units.
- Families have included indigenous Australians and people from Iran, Bosnia, China, Sudan, Turkey, Russia, Fiji, Korea, PNG, Egypt, Greece, Columbia and Angola.
- Staying at St. Joseph's has given the majority a first chance to deal with their housing and other problems in their lives and make an application for public housing.
- The Emergency Housing Association is a self-funding voluntary organization responding to the needs of those in transition.
- EHASS has assumed the role of supervising the construction of two Crisis Shelters at St. Joseph's for short term accommodation for small family groups.



## How can I support St. Joseph's South Yarra Emergency Housing Association?

I would like to make a donation of \$ .....  
to the Emergency Housing Association

Credit card details:

Card number.....

Expiry Date: .....

Name: .....

Address: .....

Phone: .....

Email: .....

\* (donations to Emergency Housing are tax deductible)

cut and return slip to EHASS P.O. Box 21 South Yarra

I would like to volunteer to help

St Joseph's Emergency Housing Association



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