



Hands Across Canberra



Chief Minister's Charitable Fund

IMPACT REPORT 2021–22

We acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
and pay respect to all Elders and their continuing connection
to their lands, waters, culture and heritage.



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Impact Report
2021–22



MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS IN 2021–22

RAISING AWARENESS



We ran **3 appeals** – the Supabarn campaign, the Canberra Day Appeal and the End Of Financial Year (EOFY) Appeal – which raised more than \$800,000 and raised awareness of need in our city.



We supported **community initiatives**, including the Clare Holland House Community Fundraiser, Anti-Poverty Week, the Ikea Christmas Drive and Strathnairn Charity House.



Our social media followers and **subscribers increased by 30%.**



We published the **2nd Vital Signs Report** with the Snow Foundation, seeking to raise awareness of the strengths and challenges within our community and capture the pulse of the community.



Scan code with phone camera to view the Vital Signs Report 2021.



We **doubled our donations** from the previous years: increased awareness which has in turn lead to an increase in the number of donations.

GIVING & GRANTING



We **doubled the number of Named Funds** from 7 to 14 in our first year, including the establishment of **our first giving circle.**



Over **\$1,275,473 in donations** were received including our **first-ever equities donation** – shares in the start-up Rosella Street.



Together with partners in community and government, the **Sue Salthouse Leadership Fund was established** by a generous donation from the ACT Government.



The Sue Salthouse Leadership Fund will provide scholarships to assist people with disability access opportunities that build skills and experience, enhancing the representation and leadership capacity of people with disability and will honour the late Sue Salthouse.



We ran **3 grant rounds** in partnership with the Chief Minister's Charitable Fund and made 62 grants.



A total of **\$2,160,241 was distributed to charities** through grants, matched funding in the Canberra Day Appeal and by joining with businesses and private individuals to support our network of charities.

PARTNERING



369 organisations are registered with Hands Across Canberra and participated in community partner meetings and fundraising initiatives throughout the year.



We formed **new partnerships** with businesses, including businesses in the media, real estate, IT and construction industries.



Our partners grew in numbers and in quality – to **over 100 corporate partners.** Our partnerships with peer foundations reached new levels.



Together with the Chief Minister's Charitable Fund, the Snow Foundation, the Aspen Foundation, and the John James Foundation we co-created **the Canberra Foundations Collective** and ran a grant round together with a central application process.

'The work of social change and recovery is bigger than any one person, business, organisation, institution or foundation – in 2021-22 we sought creative ways to combine our resources and build true/stronger partnerships with government, business, donors and non-profits.'

FEATURED GRANT: The power of collaboration

Project: Ruby's Place
Grantee: Rotary Club of Canberra 9405
Total project cost: \$25,000 (multi-year)
Funding provided by: CMCF/HAC

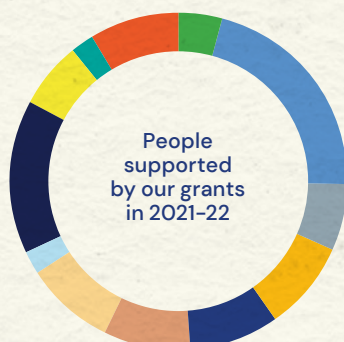
Homelessness for children and young people under the age of 16 has been identified as a significant problem in the ACT for over twenty years, by both community and government.

Ruby's Place Canberra is a newly established therapeutic respite residence for children aged 8–15 who are at risk of homelessness and expands the current Safe and Connected Youth Program run by Conflict Resolution Service Canberra and Marymead.

It is a collaboration amongst community and family foundations, government, service providers, peak bodies, private sector and beneficiaries. The addition of the residential program has been a significant project by Rotary Club of Canberra supported by the ACT Government. Hands Across Canberra together with the Snow Foundation supported the renovations and internal/external fitout with a grant in 2021 that has created a home away from home for at-risk kids who would have otherwise had nowhere else to go. In June 2022, Ruby's place opened its doors for the first time.

Impact: Prior to Ruby's place there was no residential services for at-risk children and young people in Canberra, which often led to them staying in harmful or unsafe circumstances. Ruby's provides a place for them to stay with a focus on helping them return home through integrated services.

'Hands Across Canberra has a long-standing commitment to improving quality of life for all who live and work in Canberra. In 2021–22, our communities were emerging from the pandemic and needed support, so we partnered with more individuals, families, charity partners, businesses, and local government than ever before – to assist our charity sector navigate the pandemic recovery phase.'



- ♥ ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS
- ♥ AT-RISK YOUTH/OPPORTUNITY YOUTH
- ♥ CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE PEOPLE, MIGRANTS AND IMMIGRANTS
- ♥ ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE
- ♥ FAMILIES
- ♥ GENERAL PUBLIC
- ♥ HOMELESS PEOPLE
- ♥ OFFENDER OR EX OFFENDER
- ♥ PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
- ♥ REFUGEES
- ♥ SUBSTANCE ABUSERS
- ♥ OTHER



WHO WE ARE

Hands Across Canberra is the national capital's leading community foundation. Since 2010, it has been working with local not-for-profit organisations to raise awareness around need in the community. It has been an enabler for innovative partnerships and collaboration and has worked hard to increase the level of giving and philanthropy in Canberra.

Since 2018, the foundation has also been administering the Chief Minister's Charitable Fund which seeks to assist in meeting the social, economic, cultural, educational, environmental and other charitable needs of the ACT community.

Hands Across Canberra and the Chief Minister's Charitable Fund exist to generate broad community engagement and generosity by making powerful connections between donors and community organisations in the form of partnerships that help strengthen the charitable sector in the capital.

Everything we do is underpinned by three pillars – awareness, partnering and giving. Through them, we help charities, community organisations and businesses to make a difference to those in Canberra that need it most.

FOREWORD

In 2021–22 Hands Across Canberra and the Chief Minister's Charitable Fund were strengthened by our incredible community who chose to 'give where we live' to make a significant impact in the lives of Canberrans. Through continued efforts of awareness raising, partnering and giving we have strived to support the needs of the community over the past year trying to reduce the burden faced by many.

Our donors and our charities are the backbone of Hands Across Canberra. Their stories are spectacular, and this Impact Report highlights their magnificent work and how our funding has created real impact.

Thank you to those who have long supported and partnered with Hands Across Canberra on our mission to create a more equitable Canberra and Canberra region. And thank you to those who have come on board this year.

Our work continues...



Diane Bray AM Chair and
Peter Gordon CEO

Hands Across Canberra
Chief Minister's Charitable Fund

Hands Across Canberra has many supporters and partners who play a key role in creating positive change in our community.

They know that investing in Canberra benefits us all. We could not accomplish our goals without the support, involvement and enthusiasm of our committed partners:

4Data; ABC Canberra Radio; ActewAGL; ACT Government; ACT Master Builders' Association and its members; Agency 9; AIE; Allbids; Aspen Foundation; Aspen Medical; Australian Community Foundation Australian Information Industry Association; BAL Lawyers; Bellchambers Barrett; Blackshaw; Brindabella Insurance; Callida consulting; Canberra Airport Group; Canberra Business Chamber; Canberra Data Centre; Canberra Innovation Network; Canberra Physiotherapy; Canberra FM; Canberra Plastic Surgery; *Canberra Weekly*; Cantlie; Catalyst Management; Chappell Foundation; Charterpoint; Chief Minister; Treasury and Economic Development Directorate Christine Shaw; *CityNews*; Clear English Company; Cordelta; Cre8ive; Community Services Directorate; Coordinate; Coreco; CTO Consulting;

Deloitte; Digital Content Studio; Dymocks ACT; East Hotel; Elston; Ernst & Young; Excelerated; Foundant; Fujitsu; Funraisin; Ginninderry; Hindmarsh; Hyatt Canberra; IBM; Icon Water; IKEA; Independent; JB Were; John Beard; John James Foundation; John McGrath Auto; King O'Malley's; KPMG; Luton Properties; Maloney's; Monarch Building Solutions; MV Lawyers; Noetic; Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs; Office of LGBTIQ+ Affairs; OPF; Parker Coles Curtis Lawyers; PBS Building ACT; PKUP; PWC; rawpro.; Region Media; Renaissance Homes; Rosella Street; RSM; Salesforce; SAP; Seeing Machines; Sneddon Hall & Gallop Lawyers; Supabarn; Swell; Synergy; Tabcorp; The Canberra Symphony Orchestra; The Jetty; The Millhouse Ventures; the National Gallery of Australia; the National Zoo & Aquarium; The Snow Foundation; the University of Canberra; Toshiba Australia; Toyota Canberra; Transport Canberra; Trinity Law; Unify Solutions; Village Building Company; WIN; Yellow Edge; Zango.



CHIEF MINISTER'S CHARITABLE FUND

The Chief Minister's Charitable Fund (CMCF) — administered by Hands Across Canberra — has supported more than 182 projects with over \$2m and has leveraged more than \$4.15m in additional funds for community projects since its inception in 2018.



Responding to emerging needs throughout the Canberra region, in 2021–22 the Chief Minister's Charitable Fund:



joined with other supporters and 78 charities to run a successful Canberra Day Appeal, generating more than \$600,000 in much needed funds for the community sector and spreading the message of "give where you live".



administered 3 grant rounds (2 relief grant rounds during and post-lockdowns and 1 collective grant round with Canberra's community foundations), which supported 140 projects throughout the year.



granted \$1,070,118 to the community sector to address challenges many Canberrans are experiencing in connection to mental health, education and employment, housing and belonging.



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THEORY OF CHANGE HYPOTHESIS

IF

we combine Canberra's assets with regular assessments of need and community assets together with Hands Across Canberra grant-making expertise, extensive networks and local relationships

THEN

there would be a greater impact in the ACT (and nearby region) community

BECAUSE

assets would be leveraged, enhancing our collective ability to support Canberra's most vulnerable people

We particularly acknowledge the work of our 369 charity partners. It is they who do the real work, looking after so many people and families in the most trying of times. We applaud their capacity to innovate and to thrive in the most difficult circumstances imaginable throughout the past years.

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AND A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR FABULOUS VOLUNTEERS

Lesley Daw; Sara Burns; Paris McMahon; Emmanuel Rodriguez

THANK YOU!





Hands Across Canberra
Your Community Foundation



**Chief Minister's
Charitable Fund**

'Philanthropy is already embedded in the DNA of Canberrans: Canberrans are more likely to volunteer, and donate more than anywhere else in Australia.

But we would like to see a greater share of donations staying in Canberra to help the local community. We can do that by showing Canberrans the need in their own backyard and the incredible work of our network of community organisations.'



LET'S MAKE AN IMPACT ♥