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LDS COMMUNITY

Spring 2023

**New Home Opportunities | New Products | Christmas Party
Events | Faith in the Community | Fun Photos | Connect with us!**



Welcome to our Spring Edition!

A warm welcome to our community. In this edition we hear from our CEO, celebrate achievements, and read all about the latest LDS news. Make sure to see our Christmas Event flyer and mark the date in your calendars!

In the picture above, David is pictured smiling with his thumbs up, sitting at the dinner table with friend Andrew. Friends and clients gathered for Carol's birthday party and enjoyed a fun dinner.

From the desk of the CEO

“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them” (Matthew 18:20)

I really love this scripture because it says that if we come together as a community that God is with us. And community is what makes a difference at LDS.

Recently I was chatting to someone about how LDS should focus on helping clients find friendships and develop mateships outside of just their own house. This got me thinking about the ways that LDS encourages clients to get out and enjoy life.



Michael Kromwyk

I want to share a couple of activities this past quarter that brought clients together. The first was the City-Bay Fun Run. A group of about 40 clients and staff met at Morphettsville to trek 3kms to the finish, all sporting brand new LDS t-shirts. We looked magnificent! I really loved seeing clients from other houses mingling with each other, chatting, having fun and for some achieving a life goal completing the City-Bay. I saw a real sense of community.

A few days later we started filming our new advertising campaign and over the 2.5 days I met lots of clients and staff who all volunteered to be a part of the video. What encouraged me is that everyone knew each other and it was wonderful to eavesdrop on the conversations as everyone caught up on news. I also saw how everyone encouraged each other and provided support over these long days. I am sure that the content will be ‘must-see’ viewing once we release it in the coming months.

Over these and many more experiences in the past quarter I have seen how LDS makes a difference in our clients lives, how our staff live our values and how there is a sense of community, not just in individual houses but across the entire organisation. As Matthew says God is with us when we gather in his name.

God bless
Michael

FAITH



Carol, during her Baptism held at the Edwardstown Baptist Church.



Previously, we introduced Therese and her favourite local Coles worker pictured above, who has been inspired by Therese to start employment in disability support.

Well, we are very proud to say that since then, Razia has commenced her Certificate 3 qualification and applied to work with LDS. Razia is now working as a support worker for the south region. Welcome to the LDS team!



New LDS support workers (L-R):
Robert M, Khadija A, Razia S, Angela P, Esther H.

daily word

1 Thessalonians 5:11

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

Over the past few weeks through a lot of community activity we have observed that our clients really have the gift of building each other up. At the City-Bay, our community encouraged each other on the walk; for some it was to get through aches and pains, for others the thrill of walking in the event for the first time, and for some the mental health benefit of just being involved. But each step of the way our clients encouraged each other to keep going and to be there at the end to celebrate.

Our clients and community teach and lead us everyday by demonstrating how they encourage each other and build each other up. We are fortunate to be able to observe, learn and bring this into our daily lives.

EMPOWERMENT

Long weekend fun! Clients from several different LDS homes around Adelaide and in our community came together on the October long weekend to Shimron house for a BBQ lunch. They all enjoyed the warm weather and a day off from work! It was also a great opportunity to introduce one of our newest clients, Stephen, to our community.

We love an opportunity to get clients who usually may not see each other much to get together and socialise, and welcome every opportunity for friendships to be formed.



FUN

This past Winter brought together many great events across LDS:

- The City to Bay Fun Run/walk where clients, staff and volunteers all wore specially designed LDS t-shirts for the 3km walk to Glenelg
- The R U Okay Day Morning Tea(s) where staff and clients intermingled over some tea and cake
- The LDS video & photo shoot where many clients and staff were involved on and off camera
- Several house gatherings for BBQ's, birthday parties, family dinner parties, working bees, and sports game viewings
- and plenty more!

To keep in the loop with all our fun activities, make sure to follow our Facebook page or request to join our private Facebook group if you are direct family members. LDS activities are posted as blog posts on our website here:

<https://www.ldssa.org.au/category/news/>



EXCELLENCE

LDS made a commercial!

At LDS, we want to hero OUR people. That's because they have amazing abilities that deserve to be shown off to the world! We cannot wait to share with you the finished product.

With two and a half days of shooting video and photos, we managed to get 9 individual distinctive scenes, 18 LDS clients casted in main scenes, and many background extras consisting of LDS clients and support workers...

Read more about the project [here](#):
or visit www.ldssa.org.au/category/news/



Samantha (right) pictured making a beanie (which we used in the shoot!)



Far right: Bruce & Elizabeth ready in bathing gear for their swimming shoot



Natalie (above) shows off her certificate for walking the 3km at the City to Bay event! All participants received a certificate and medal which many were proud keep as a memento of the fun day.



"I asked him what he has been doing lately and he was beaming with excitement sharing how he participated in the LDS ad. It was so great to hear it was such a positive experience for him!"

- Elyse (LDS Developmental Educator), speaking about her conversation with client Jordan (green shirt)

MORE NEWS

LDS Annual Client Survey

The LDS annual client survey is ready and has been distributed via email. Please complete by October 20th, and encourage your family members to complete the survey. This is a great opportunity for clients and families to have their say and assist LDS to continue to improve. See survey link [here](#).



Christmas Event

LDS invites clients, family, and community to join us for this year's Christmas Party on Saturday the 2nd of December!

Tea Tree Gully New Home Update

The three builds are well underway with the framework, roof and walls constructed, and now the internal work has commenced. The houses look to be fully ready for occupation by March which is exciting! (With only one build with delays and looks to be an April completion). We have two spots available to fill the final house - get in touch if you know someone who would love to be a part of the Gully community.



The flyer has a dark purple background with white snowflakes and colorful Christmas ornaments at the top. In the center, the Lutheran Disability Services logo (a cross inside a circle) is followed by the text 'lutheran disability services'. Below this, it says 'PRESENTS THE 2023 EDITION OF OUR ANNUAL...'. The main title 'Christmas Party' is written in a large, white, cursive font, with a red Santa hat on the letter 'y'. Below the title, the date and time 'Saturday 2nd December 5pm - 8pm' are listed, followed by the venue 'Fullarton Park Community Centre' and its address '411 Fullarton Road, Fullarton'. A section for food and drinks says 'Food and drinks provided! RSVP to admin@ldssa.org.au or 8212 7766'. At the bottom, it mentions 'Proudly sponsored by' followed by the logo for 'Finance with a mission'. The bottom of the flyer is decorated with two Christmas trees, a snowman in a red sleigh, and several wrapped gifts.

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VACANCY ALERT



Tea Tree Gully

Seeking 2x house-mates to share a new home together. This new SDA Improved Liveability home is situated in a new development with two other LDS houses with existing male clients who value friendships and community. 1:2 ratio.



Dernancourt

Seeking house-mate to share with a male in their 40s, who enjoys independence and close friendships. This spacious house is situated on a quiet corner, close by to shops and parks. 1:2-1:3 support ratio.



Ferryden Park

Seeking house-mate to join two other males in their 50s, both with active lifestyles and working most of the week. Large, modern house. Available room has its own ensuite. Seeking an easy going gentleman who enjoys his hobbies and a calm environment. 1:3 and passive overnights.

FUTURE LOADING



Expressions of Interest:

Currently open for future homes at Tea Tree Gully, Kent Town, and Tanunda.
+ more to be announced! Get in touch to learn more.

FUTURE LOADING



Housemate Matches:

Currently seeking matches for
a 1:3 Female home in the inner-South or West
a 1:3 Male home in the inner-South

Looking for a safe and secure happy home?
If interested in any of these properties, please
contact Celina Groom:
cgroom@ldssa.org.au or 0402 756 492



NEW STAFF & A NEW PRODUCT LAUNCH:

Firstly, we'd like to introduce our newest member of the LDS management team, Tenny Der Grigorian.



Tenny has worked in the community service sector since 2008 beginning her career with Anglicare where she spent time working in various programs such as Exceptional Needs, Disability and Housing.

In 2018, Tenny became a Case Manager at Catherine House helping women experiencing homelessness find safe, long-term housing options. After Catherine House, she moved into Care Coordination for InComPro where she led teams in both SIL, Tenancy and Outreach which continued to grow with her direction.

Tenny brings a strong stakeholder connection and knowledge of the industry into her role as ILO Manager which will play a role in servicing the community and helping participants get the most out of their housing options.

Welcome to the team, Tenny!

Tenny is our ILO Manager (Individualised Living Options Manager) - who will be leading our latest project into 2024, ready for service offerings in the new year.

INDIVIDUALISED LIVING OPTIONS (ILO)

An ILO is a choice of in-home supports that is tailored to the individual. ILO's are designed with a person-centered approach so that you can live in a dwelling of your choice and live the life you want to live. If you are over the age of 18 with a need greater than 6 hours a day of either formal or informal supports, you are eligible to explore ILO options and if it is right for you.

For more information on what ILO is and if it is an option for you, please head to our website to learn more:

<https://www.ldssa.org.au/services/ilo/>

If you know of somebody who may be interested, feel free to forward them Tenny's information for a chat on what ILO may look like for them or somebody they know.

Phone: 0401 057 213 or

Email: tdergrigorian@ldssa.org.au

CONNECT & SUPPORT



Connect with us on Social Media:



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Make sure that you follow LDS on our Facebook page! It is wonderful to see clients out-n-about and experiencing life to the fullest.

[Click Here](#) or visit:

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If you are on LinkedIn, we are also active on there too. Give us a follow!

[Click Here](#) or visit:

www.linkedin.com/company/lutheran-disability-services/

Sign up to our monthly Community E-News:



[Click Here](#) or visit:

www.confirmsubscription.com/h/t/17C37FAFAAC857B9

Sign up to receive regular monthly email updates direct to your inbox. Hear about more exciting news and events from LDS!

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE LDS MISSION



PRAY FOR OUR MISSION

Include LDS in your prayers and ask God to bless our mission of delivering Faith, Empowerment and Excellence to people living with disability.



VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

Do you have a special skill that you'd love to share with a LDS Client? Our Clients love to cook, create, play sport and help in the community. If you'd like to be involved in our mission please contact us on 08 8212 7766 or visit our website.



SERVING COMMUNITIES

Do you have community activities, projects, jobs where people living with a disability can be involved? Reach out to us as our community is looking to serve the wider community and to work with you to build strong, integrated communities.



HELP BUILD OUR NETWORK

LDS wants to positively impact in the lives of people with disability. If your community has a disused building, land or other facility that could be converted to disability housing please talk to us.



DONATE & OFFERINGS

You can donate direct to LDS by calling 08 8212 7766 or visiting our website. You can donate to LDS through leaving a legacy, setting a bequest or investing in housing for people with a disability. If your Church would like to dedicate a special offering to our mission please feel free to get in touch with us.

LEARN MORE AT WWW.LDSSA.ORG.AU OR 08 8212 7766



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CLIENT FUN



Therese, Lauren, and Michael enjoying Disney on Ice Live !

Christina enjoying the client made soup at the family and friends dinner at Shimron House.



Maria & Claire at the theme parks in Queensland!



Naomi having fun at Carol's birthday party!



Housemates Andrew & Greg cooking dinner together!

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