



Get Involved & Make a Difference.

Volunteer & Fundraising Opportunities



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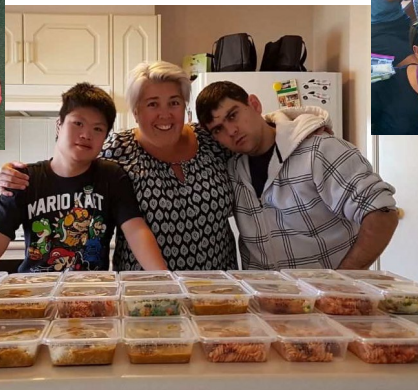
Firstly, thank you for reaching out to Dignity to offer your time and support.

Empowering people with Dignity, our mission is to prevent, respond to and end homelessness in Australia by providing support, food, shelter, clothing, advocacy, and education to people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness to regain control of their lives.

Dignity has empowered more than 50,000 people to do just that since opening our first guest home just over five years ago. This simply wouldn't be possible without the numerous volunteers who give their time in a number of different ways including raising funds.

Unfortunately given the nature of our guesthouses, and the need for privacy of our guests, there is limited face to face volunteering opportunities available however, there are several ways you can get involved and make a difference.

Please do get in touch if you would like to get involved and make a difference in the lives of people at risk of or experiencing homelessness.



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Follow Dignity on Social Media

Like and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and share content to educate your friends and family about the issue of homelessness in Australia. Not only will you keep up to date with the latest Dignity news, but you will also be helping to break down the myths and stigmas around people experiencing homelessness.

Facebook @Dignity
Instagram @dignityltd
Twitter @dignity_ltd
LinkedIn @Dignity Homeless Services Australia

Why not sign up to our monthly newsletter while you are at it by visiting www.dignity.org.au

Donate Online

At Dignity, we believe small things can lead to big change. On our website, you can donate whatever suits your budget, and you can choose a one-off donation or set as a monthly donation. Most importantly, you can be assured that 100% of what you donate goes directly to those who need it most empowering them to prevent, respond to and end their homelessness.

You may also like to consider a bequest donation in your will. Visit www.dignity.org.au for more information.

Create a Birthday Fundraiser on Facebook

Two weeks prior to your birthday, Facebook will display a message in your News Feed giving you the option to create a birthday fundraiser through your Facebook account with proceeds generated being granted to your chosen charity. Asking friends and family to donate to your fundraiser rather than purchasing a gift is a great way to raise much needed funds as well as shining a light on the issues of homelessness and how Dignity is ending homelessness, one person at a time.

Organise a Community or School Fundraiser

Are you a member of a community group, club, church or school? Why not organise a fundraising event using one of the fun themes below with the proceeds donated to Dignity.

Fundraising examples include:

- Big BBQ Breakfast
- Ladies Luncheon
- Morning Digni-TEA
- Afternoon Digni-TEA
- Cake Stall
- School Pancake day
- School Pyjama Day

COOK4DIGNITY

Homemade food is at the heart of every home, and home-cooked meals ready to heat and eat are available for all of our guests in our guest homes. This creature comfort is lovingly prepared by our Dignity Dishes volunteers and you are welcome to join them by hosting a COOK4DIGNITY event in your home with a group of friends or family.

We will provide you with a Dignity Dishes cookbook, plastic containers and food safety preparation instructions.

Create Guest Packs

Why not host a Dignity packing party! Many of our guests arrive with very little so guest welcome packs go a long way to making them feel special.

Invite some friends around for a fun day or evening, each bringing a quantity of useful items and assemble Dignity Guest packs together. One person could bring 10 packs of toothpaste, one could bring 10 deodorants, and enjoy the camaraderie of assembling the packs together!

Suggested packs:

Female packs - feminine hygiene products, shampoo & conditioner, body wash.

Male packs - shaving equipment, aftershave, deodorant and a comb.

Baby packs - nappies, singlets, wipes and baby lotion

Kids packs - book, socks, toy and PJs

Create Housewarming Packs

These useful packs are provided to guests who have secured stable housing and gifted as they leave Dignity to move into their own place. The packs include items such as tea and coffee, biscuits, plates, mugs and bowls, a tea towel and something to make it special like a book or pair of bed socks.

Bunnings BBQ

The Bunnings Sausage Sizzle is a very popular fundraising option for charities, community groups and schools because of the high foot traffic Bunnings get each weekend and the relative low cost and easy set up.

To host a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle to raise money for Dignity, it is best to first call your local Bunnings and enquire about how long the waitlist is. We will then provide you with the letter you will need to secure a place on the waitlist.

Once you have been provided a date, you will need to gather a helpful team of volunteers to help with the planning, on the day of the BBQ and after the BBQ. It is a big day but a very rewarding fundraising project for the whole team.

If you are interested in hosting and managing a Bunnings BBQ, please do get in touch and we can send you an info pack including a draft instruction manual from Bunnings.

Return & Earn

We all know that recycling is great for the planet, but did you know that when you recycle cans and bottles at Return and Earn machines, you can also help people experiencing homelessness? Simply download the myTOMRA app, press charities and choose Dignity's Homelessness Care Packs campaign when you recycle. 100% of funds raised from the containers you recycle will provide care packs for men, women and children experiencing homelessness. Perhaps your workplace has a collection of recycling!

At Your Workplace

Many of the above-mentioned ideas can easily be adapted to involve your place of work and colleagues such as a breakfast or morning tea fundraiser, and even COOK4DIGNITY events can be arranged in your office.

In addition, Dignity offers corporate volunteering opportunities as well as a corporate giving program and we would welcome the opportunity to meet with management and team about how your company can get involved.

Corporate Volunteering

Gather your team and join us on-site for the day to volunteer your time cooking nutritious meals, making up clothing and guest packs or assisting with property maintenance and cleaning. Corporate volunteering provides a memorable team building experience, while presenting an opportunity to learn more about homelessness in Australia while making a tangible impact.

As a result of COVID-19, we have implemented remote volunteering options in addition to onsite activity. A limited number of Corporate Volunteer days are available. For more, visit www.dignity.org.au/get-involved.

Corporate Giving

Several corporate partners encourage generosity and set a great example by matching employees' workplace donations. Companies improve staff participation in giving to those in need, boost morale and improve retention by matching employees' workplace giving donations, through the Good2Give platform.

To register your interest in volunteering and fundraising for Dignity, please email Sherin Fishwick, Dignity's Volunteer and Donations Coordinator on networks@dignity.org.au or phone 0499110519.