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St.Giles Can't Wait 85th Birthday Appeal



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Please Donate to our 85th Birthday Appeal.

For 85 years St.Giles has been the go-to place for parents and families searching for disability care, support and understanding.

But as any 85-year-old will tell you, a dollar will only go so far.

When the money's not there, someone misses out.

St.Giles puts 100 per cent of its resources into the services we provide in Launceston, Hobart and on the Coast.

We're proud of our teams – 400 good people with a single purpose – caring for people with disability – providing opportunities for them to thrive.

We're committed to the 3000 young families who use our services – we want early intervention therapies to be the best fun and get kids school ready.

We stay 85-years strong with great partners like Tasmania Police and Woolworths.

We care about providing awesome experiences and safe housing for adults with disability, because everyone deserves a home.

Many of St.Giles daily requirements are funded by donors. Take a close look at any picture at St.Giles and you can see where your donations have been put to work. Our buildings and the equipment required is funded by donations.

Everything from the floor mats to childrens' toys, treadmills, rock walls, witches' hats and playground equipment is donated by our community.

**If you can, please donate to our St.Giles Can't Wait Appeal:
www.stgiles.org.au or 65 Amy Road, Newstead.**

Discover Niche Market at QVMAG

St.Giles Niche made its first appearance at Inveresk's Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in April.

The first Niche of a three-year agreement with the QVMAG saw 1600 shoppers and 40 stallholders explore Niche in its new home.

After a wet week and with Hawthorn and North Melbourne next door at York Park, visitors streamed into the QVMAG for a touch of quality, Tasmanian designed and made shopping.

When the afternoon sun came out, the space transformed into an autumn showcase of beautiful and interesting items.

There was a productive hum as shoppers discovered new makers and their favourites among the QVMAG's permanent displays.

St.Giles is grateful to the City of Launceston for allowing us to explore what Niche is within the QVMAG.

They have worked with us since the first QVMAG Niche to make the space attractive for stallholders and shoppers.

Of course, the QVMAG is arguably Launceston's most accessible building, making it inviting for wheelchairs, prams and inclusive for all of community.



Honni Pitt Named Chief Executive of St.Giles

St.Giles has appointed its current CFO, Honni Pitt as chief executive.

Ms Pitt joined St.Giles in October 2020 as Chief Financial Officer and replaces outgoing chief executive Andrew Billing.

"During her six months as acting CEO Honni has strengthened and grown St.Giles' political networks and increased the organisation's access to key decision makers in Canberra," St.Giles Board chair Christine Arnott said.

"She is a dynamic, compassionate businessperson who the Board believes will identify and develop growth opportunities with economic sustainability.

"On top of these strengths, she has an ongoing and very personal understanding of disability and very genuinely wants to contribute to providing better outcomes for those St.Giles serves," Mrs Arnott said.



Woolworths Helping Hundreds of Tasmanian Children

Woolworths' 32 Tasmanian supermarkets have been fundraising for St.Giles since 2021.

This Easter a statewide Woolworths campaign provided funds for demonstration devices.

Under the NDIS scheme, therapists must demonstrate a need for participants to purchase equipment or devices which the Woolworths donations would help to provide.

There is also a range of rehabilitation activities that require specific equipment to help kids develop motor skills, communication skills, coordination etc. which are all vital in helping them at home, school and in the community.

This equipment can also be loaned to families for a period while they undergo therapy at a specific age or developmental phase.

This means we can exchange the equipment as the child grows or as their ability improves as part of their rehabilitation support.



“What Woolworths is providing will help us to support hundreds of families over the coming years.”



Toddler car-seat testing day at St.Giles. Deputy Premier Michael Ferguson, looks at the latest specialised car seating for children with disabilities.

Every Picture Tells a Story – Face Time

This year is St.Giles 85th birthday and in March we opened an exhibition at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Royal Park.

The exhibition was timed with the launch of our 85th history publication, Face Time.

Almost 100 people gathered to open the exhibition and share stories of their connections to St.Giles.

The exhibition is open until June 25 – and the images, shot by photographer Scott Gelston capture the soul of St.Giles through 27 portraits.

Those gathered at the Gallery included former St.Giles staff like physiotherapist Keryn Parkes, donors like Jonty and Fiona Barnett and current board member Mark Baker was master of ceremonies.

We also presented certificates of gratitude to those who donated or volunteered their time or services to St.Giles.



Exhibition open
until June 25, 2023



You can purchase your copy of **Face Time** - 27 stories of St.Giles - 85th birthday project by donation via the link on St.Giles' home page www.stgiles.org.au

Police Peddle Power for St.Giles

You know, Tasmania Police work hard.
Did you know they also work hard for St.Giles?

Last December 70 police and supporters cycled more than 400km on Tasmania's west coast and raised \$45,000 for St.Giles.

Their donation has paid for security systems upgrades at St.Giles in Hobart.

"We know the cost of security and we know what a great job St.Giles does for Tasmanian children at risk – it's our way to give to a worthwhile cause," Const. Richard Douglas said.



Donation Spotlight

Kevin Watkins and Winston Quail with Bobby and Ebony. Mr Watkins and Mr Quail visited St.Giles with a donation from the John Lewis Foundation for mobility and wheelchair maintenance for children.



**PLEASE
donate to our
Mid-Year Appeal.**

65 Amy Road, Newstead, 7250
www.stgiles.org.au/fundraising/please-donate/

BECAUSE - ST.GILES CAN'T WAIT

BLACK DIAMOND

Sponsors make Black Diamond Sparkle for St.Giles

The idea of staging a black-tie dinner in an historic Tasmanian church is wild and crazy.

Kindred spirits who understand the work of St.Giles join us for Black Diamond - a genuinely, unique experience.

St.Giles is excited to partner with some very generous Tasmanian business to present Black Diamond at St. John's Church, Launceston on Friday, May 26.

We might just have a ticket or two to spare – **actually 29** – at the time of writing, www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1011403

MEANWHILE ST.GILES EXTENDS ITS GRATITUDE TO:

TPT Wealth and MyState

Tamar Valley Truffles

Matson Catering

Weeding Hire

Chilli FM

AQ Advisory

Tas Heating and Cooling

Fujitsu donated a \$4000 heat pump to auction

Van Dieman Brewing

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Friday, May 26, 2023

St. John's Church, Launceston

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St.Giles REUNION

September 15 - Register today

St.Giles loves a reunion and from **11am on Friday September 15** a free, reunion morning tea will mark the end of our 85th birthday celebrations.

Anyone with any connection to St.Giles can attend – that means if you've ever worked at St.Giles, been for therapy, hydrotherapy, or lived in St.Giles supported accommodation, or you are a donor – all are welcome.

How to register for St.Giles Reunion:

To register, email fundraising@stgiles.org.au and provide your name, your association with St.Giles and your contact details.

This will be a free event and loads of fun – a chance to catch up with old friends and have a look at contemporary St.Giles.

