

Welcome to 2024

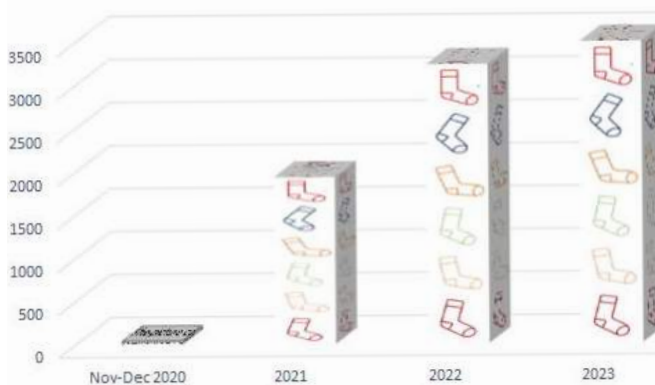
The new year is traditionally a time to take stock, and so it seemed a good time to look back over our first three years of Thread Together in Queensland and think not only about how far we've come, but also what the future might hold.

Since that very first van visit to Anglicare's Homelessness Services Women & Families at Toowong, late in 2020, we have assisted close to 10,000 people with brand new clothing. We've celebrated the arrival of the van and the launch of the project at St Andrews; thanked our lucky stars for Kate, who came on board to coordinate everything with grace, patience and great good humour; mobilised in just days, with enormous help from Thread Together, to establish a flood relief 'pop up shop'; exercised lots of ingenuity to ensure our customers didn't miss out during wave after wave of Covid; and celebrated some more (with very distinguished guests!) at several events when our clothing hub opened in late 2022.

And all that doesn't begin to capture the day-to-day work, commitment, generosity and thoughtfulness of our volunteers, who keep the whole shebang running.

We hope 2024 holds many good things for you all. We're looking forward to assisting many more customers, exploring new possibilities, facing new challenges and having many more laughs in the year to come.

Van customer numbers 2020-2023



A snapshot of 2023

Van customers	3500
Site visits	161
Unique sites visited	48
Clothing Hub customers	612
Total customers Nov 20-23	9336+

Training (with cake): date claimers 2024

Please add the following dates to your calendar. More information to come!

- **Wednesday, 24 April, 10am-12pm**
- **Tuesday, 23 July 10am-12pm**
- **Thursday, 24 October 10am-12pm**

Thank you lunch for volunteers

Twenty Thread Together volunteers gathered in mid January for a celebratory lunch at Arte & Gusto Cafe, Graceville. The get together was to recognise the core role of volunteers in our Thread Together project, and its success in two recent Anglicare awards programs: at the national Anglicare Australia Awards, for partnership; and the Anglicare SQ Excellence Awards, for our contribution to sustainability.

To our volunteers: thank you again. There would be no Thread Together in Queensland without your commitment, generosity, compassion, and sense of humour!



Thread Together Lego Installation



The Thread Together Clothing Hub had a 'soft' opening in early January after the Christmas break (our official 2024 start was 15 January) and we assisted a few families who needed some emergency clothing.

One family who visited had some young ones who enjoyed playing together with the available Lego blocks while Mum searched for appropriate clothing.

At the end of their appointment, the children presented Kate with their Lego creations, and we decided that their beautiful work would decorate the Hub and brighten it up for a few days!

Become a partner

Our usual reminder that if you work with people who are doing it tough (in metro, regional or remote areas of Queensland), you can also apply to become a Thread Together partner. This enables you to place orders for new clothing directly on the Thread Together online portal, and have items delivered for free to your door. Contact Kate for help (threadtogether@anglicaresq.org.au) or apply quickly and easily at the onboarding form on the Thread Together website, at www.threadtogether.org/apply-charity-partner-online

Clothing hub bookings



To refer your clients for a Thread Together clothing hub appointment at Indooroopilly, please go to our [booking page](http://anglicaresq.org.au/thread-together-brisbane-clothing-hub) [anglicaresq.org.au/thread-together-brisbane-clothing-hub].

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