

'Go far, go together'

There is an African proverb that says, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together".

We have been pondering lately what that means for our Thread Together project here in Brisbane. It's certainly a project we designed to 'go far', and there are multiple layers of relationships that support that goal.

We were initially inspired by Anglicare South Australia's Thread Together partnership. Locally, however, we wanted to add an extra 'thread' to the fabric of the project by creating a three-way collaboration with St Andrew's. This became the cornerstone of our project, supported by a shared vision for community-building, and strong relationships built on respect for each other's strengths, constant communication, and a whole lot of laughter.

We also wanted to grow our relationships with other service providers, different faith communities and government departments, to support the expansion of our 'mobile wardrobe' service delivery sites. These relationships are continuing to grow from the stories we and others tell about the impact of new clothes on someone who is doing it tough; from sharing the simple messages that underpin Thread Together - empowering people and protecting the planet; and from the myriad emails, phone calls, newsletters and 'working coffees' that help us to work together for the benefit of the community.

Thanks again to all of our site coordinators and their helpers who support us - we hope you continue to 'go far' with us into the future.

New wardrobe drivers required!

We always love to welcome new Thread Together volunteers, and we have a job for anyone who wants one! At the moment, though, we're particularly in need of people willing and able to drive our lovely mobile wardrobe (otherwise known as a Toyota Hi Ace).

The van is based at St Andrew's at Indooroopilly, and drivers can nominate which trips they'd like to do and when they're available. Casual drivers are more than welcome.

The time commitment involved comprises the driving time from Indooroopilly to the site we're visiting on the day (both directions), plus approximately two hours for the site visit itself. Most visits are on weekdays, mid-late morning or early afternoon.

We require our drivers to have a Blue Card and to provide a Transport & Main Roads 10-year driver history (reimbursed by St Andrew's).

If you're interested, or know someone who would be, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Kate for more information at klittmann-kelly@anglicaresq.org.au or 0408 569 164.



Hub update

Our new referral-only clothing hub at Indooroopilly is taking shape, with the fitting room curtains now installed, fresh new paint and new lighting that looks great.

Hopefully you've received an invitation to our official launch on 20 October, during AntiPoverty Week. We're thrilled that the hub will be blessed and opened by Archbishop Phillip Aspinall and Dame Quentin Bryce, former Governor-General and Governor of Queensland.

If you haven't registered yet, please do so for catering purposes. You can scan the QR code below, follow the link at bit.ly/3PYBixG, leave your name at the St Andrew's office, or contact Kate as below:

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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. Apply quickly and easily at the onboarding form on the Thread Together website, at www.threadtogether.org/apply-charity-partner-online or contact Kate for help (klittmann-kelly@anglicaresq.org.au)

Don't tell Kate...

We're not telling Kate that we're sharing this news but ... she's been nominated as a finalist in the Anglicare SQ Excellence Awards for the extraordinary commitment and passion she brings to her role with Thread Together.

There's some tough competition, but we know that regardless of the outcome, she's always a winner for our Thread Together customers, volunteers and partners!



A few words from a customer

I wanted to inform you that we received the package from Thread Together today. I was not expecting those beautiful items for my kids. I am expressing my gratitude for everything.

This is life-saving for us. Now my little one can wear a jumper that fits her.

Thank you for sharing all these blessings with us, we are honoured to receive them. We will take good care of all the items.

Thank you again and God Bless all of you and Thread together.



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