

GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND
FOR PATIENTS AT ST VINCENT'S

The Good Samaritan Fund at work

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JUSTICE
INTEGRITY
EXCELLENCE



THE *Good Samaritan*

Is the hero of this Gospel parable.

A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and walked away leaving him half dead.

A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.

So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by the other side.

But a Samaritan, as he travelled came where the man was and when he saw him he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.

The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him' he said, 'and when I return I will reimburse you for any extra expenses you may have'.

Luke 10:25-37



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Join our Good Samaritan Fund. Become a Good Samaritan today by following these 5 easy steps

Step 1: Head to the Mission Department page on the intranet

Step 2: Click the Good Samaritan Fund link

Step 3: Fill out the Good Samaritan Fund Deduction Form

Step 4: Nominate the amount you wish to donate (\$5 upwards) Tax deductible

Step 5: Email completed form to payroll

How to make an application to the Good Samaritan Fund on behalf of a patient or their family?

Step 1: Head to the Mission Department page on the intranet

Step 2: Click the Good Samaritan Fund link

Step 3: Complete the Good Samaritan Fund Application Form

Step 4: Email completed form to SVHM.Mission@svha.org.au

WHAT IS THE *Good Samaritan Fund?*



Out of their pay and the goodness of their hearts, many St Vincent's staff members donate to our workplace giving program.

The Good Samaritan Fund was established to provide that little bit more to patients whose circumstances are exceptional and needs are extreme.

A heater, a mattress, a fridge, food vouchers, travel costs are just a sample of the small things St Vincent's Good Samaritans give that make a huge difference to the lives of our patients and their families.

We invite you to join us and become a Good Samaritan.

Yours sincerely,

St Vincent's Good Samaritan Fund Committee

YOU TOO CAN BE A *Good Samaritan*

Please visit the SVHM Mission intranet page for registration forms and for any further information please contact the Mission department on (03) 9231 3390 or email SVHM.mission@svha.org.au

A FARMER IN NEED



Steve was a 44yo farmer from rural Victoria who was diagnosed with cancer a year earlier. He was the main income earner for his family including his wife and 3 young sons. Steve's treatment included chemotherapy and radiation. His health deterioration had a significant impact on the family finances. With the cost of travel to treatments and general day to day life expenses Steve and his family required financial assistance.

The Good Samaritan Fund provided food and fuel vouchers to assist Steve and his family with their daily living expenses of traveling to where Steve underwent treatment.

ALICIA'S GIFT

Alicia was a young patient diagnosed with throat cancer in 2015. Our kitchen staff applied to the Good Samaritan Fund for finances to fund a 'last meal' before Alicia was to undergo an operation which would see her lose the ability to eat or drink again. The Good Samaritan Fund approved this request and Alicia was able to share her final meal with her mum and best friend. The kitchen prepared her favorite foods including homemade lasagna and chocolate cake with fresh raspberries. The kitchen continue to run 'Alicia's Gift' which sees staff apply for a special meal on behalf of patients in a life threatening or challenging situations.



FINAL GOODBYE



Sally was a 44yo patient who was admitted to ICU on a Sunday with a catastrophic brain hemorrhage. She was moved to Palliative Care as she had a poor neurological outcome. Next morning her condition had worsened and an application was submitted to assist with funds to fly her elderly parents who lived interstate to Melbourne. This way they had an opportunity to say goodbye to their daughter.

The Good Samaritan Fund approved the application by 1:30pm that day, and her parents were on a flight by 4:00pm. Sally's parents arrived to St Vincent's Hospital by 8:00pm. They spent 4 hours with their daughter before she passed away just after midnight.

A NEW SOFA BED

Sam, a patient whose wife recently passed away due to cancer, and is the parent of a teenage daughter with learning difficulties. He relies on his pension to make ends meet. Due to his wife's deteriorating condition and incontinence, their furniture had been very badly damaged. The Good Samaritan Fund provided a new, clean and comfortable sofa for Sam and his daughter.

