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IT'S COMPLETELY OUT OF THEIR CONTROL. THEY ARE BEING PUT THROUGH TERRIBLE AND DIFFICULT SITUATIONS, AND IT'S NOT THEIR FAULT. *WREN, 14*

I THINK THAT EVERYBODY DESERVES A PLACE TO BE ABLE TO BE SAFE, HAPPY AND A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD. *ALEXANDRIA, 13*

IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE YOUTH SHELTER, I DON'T KNOW WHERE I WOULD BE. *THALIA, 17*

NO ONE SHOULD HAVE NO ACCESS TO BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, SUCH AS A HOME, FOOD AND WATER. *BETHANY, 14*

NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO SLEEP ON THE STREETS. *JADE, 18*

I'VE BEEN HOMELESS MANY TIMES OVER THE COURSE OF MY SHORT LIFE AND I KNOW HOW IT FEELS TO NEED HELP AND NOT HAVE IT. *BAILEY, 17*

EVERYONE NEEDS SOMEWHERE TO CALL HOME AND NO ONE DESERVES TO BE ON THE STREETS. *LACHLAN, 17*

I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE HOMELESS AND HAVING TO COUCH SURF, IT'S NOT SOMETHING I WOULD WISH UPON ANYONE. *SCOTT, 21*

I'VE BEEN HOMELESS MYSELF AND SEEN FIRSTHAND THE IMPACT THIS HAS ON A YOUNG PERSON'S MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH. *BEN, 23*

HOMELESS YOUTH LACK SAFETY AND ARE EXPOSED TO DRUGS AND ALCOHOL, THEY HAVE MORE HEALTH AND MEDICAL ISSUES AND A HIGHER LIKELIHOOD OF CONTACT WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. ABOUT HALF OF THEM WILL DEVELOP A MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT EVERYONE KNOW AND HELP YOUNG PEOPLE LIVE IN A STABLE HOME. *AYESHA, 17*

## YOUTH HOMELESSNESS MATTERS TO ME BECAUSE...

IT PROVIDES A SAFE, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS. THEY CAN GET THE HELP THEY NEED WITH GETTING THROUGH THE BARRIERS THEY FACE ON CREATING A BETTER FUTURE FOR THEMSELVES AND BECOMING THE PERSON THEY WANT TO BE, NOT THE PERSON THEIR LIFESTYLE OF HOMELESSNESS MAKES THEM. *JOSHUA, 23*

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE OUR FUTURE. *JAKE, 24*

THE OUTSIDE WORLD CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS, ESPECIALLY BEING AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE. *TAIESHA, 19*

I UNDERSTAND HOW SCARY AND ISOLATING IT CAN BE. *EMILY, 18*

WE NEED STABILITY, SUPPORT WITH OUR FINANCES, EMOTIONAL HEALTH AS WELL AS OUR SAFETY. *EMILY, 18*

A PLACE, FOOD, BED, TOILETRIES, MONEY, GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT. *SETH, 17*

SUPPORT TO FIND HOUSING AND FIGURE OUT THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM THAT CAUSED THEM TO BE HOMELESS IN THE FIRST PLACE. *LEXUS, 22*

SHELTER, TOILETRIES, SOMEONE TO TALK TO. *JAKE, 17*

MONEY FOOD AND SHELTER. *AYESHA, 17*

SUPPORT FROM PEOPLE. HELP FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND OTHER PEOPLE IN SOCIETY. SOMEWHERE SAFE TO LIVE AND FOOD. THEY NEED A PROPER HOME WITH SUPPORT. THEY NEED THE RIGHT FACILITIES TO SUPPORT THEIR LIFE. *EVA, 14*

GUIDANCE AND SOMEONE TO LEAN ON FOR HELP AND MOTIVATION. *TARA, 18*

CONTACT YOUTH AND HOMELESSNESS SERVICES, AND STAY INTO A HOMELESS SHELTER FOR THE TIME BEING. *BEAU, 23*

FOOD AND WATER AND HEALTH CARE. *JULIETTE, 19*

A SAFE PLACE TO STAY WITH THE SUPPORT AND BENEFITS OF A WARM DINNER AND A COMFORTABLE BED TO SLEEP IN RATHER THAN TOUGHING IT OUT ON THE STREETS OR COUCH SURFING AT UNSTABLE LIVING PLACES. THE RISKS OF THIS COULD BE GETTING INFLUENCED IN BAD WAYS BY THOSE AROUND THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE VULNERABLE AND EASILY FALL INTO THE HABITS OF THOSE AROUND UNSTABLE AND NON-SUPPORTIVE HOUSEHOLDS. *JOSHUA, 23*

MORAL, FINANCIAL, PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL SUPPORT. *BEN, 23*

ACCESS TO SANITARY ITEMS. *JADE, 18*

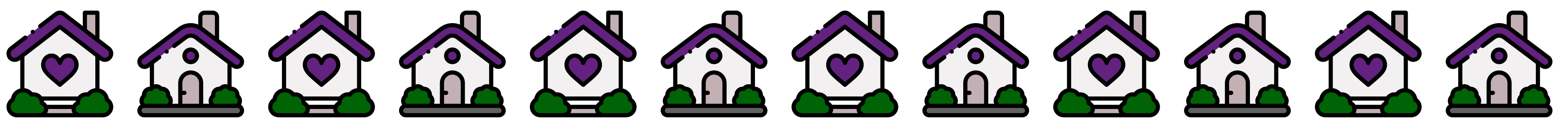
SUPPORT FROM OTHER PEOPLE OR ORGANISATIONS TO HELP REMOVE THEM FROM WHATEVER SITUATION IS PUTTING THEM AT RISK. *WREN, 14*

COMMUNITY. *KITTY, 18*

## WHEN A YOUNG PERSON IS EXPERIENCING, OR AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS, THEY NEED...

SUPPORTIVE PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP GUIDE THEM AROUND. *GRACE, 20*

SUPPORT - NOT JUST FOOD, WATER AND A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE, BUT ALSO MENTAL SUPPORT. *ANONYMOUS*



## PLATFORM 1225

Tuesday 23rd November 2021, featuring:



COREY WHITE



DR LINDY ANNAKIN



LANE BROOKS



PROF. KERRY ARABENA



DR ALISTAIR PING



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