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HARD HAT DAY

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RAISING FUNDS FOR HOMELESS YOUTH

How You Are Helping

Youth Homelessness is a complex issue:

- 40,000 young people aged 15–24 asked for help. 1 in 2 were turned away due to lack of beds.¹
- Youth homelessness affects 46,000² young Australians, and the property and construction industry, as the creator of new communities, can play a meaningful role in addressing this issue.
- Affordable, suitable, and stable housing is fundamental to ensuring the economic, social, psychological, and physical wellbeing of young people. But unemployment, casualised and unstable jobs, increasingly high rental costs, and a lack of affordable, suitable and stable housing makes transitioning to, and maintaining, independent living a huge challenge.
- The major trigger for young people leaving home is family conflict and violence. Other reasons include relationship breakdown, alcohol and other drug use, and leaving state care. Tragically, many escape one dangerous situation only to find themselves in another.

The impact we can have working together is more than the sum of our parts:

- We build safe and supported environments for homeless youth through our The Haven Project, a cost-efficient model. Your Hard Hat event helps us raise funds for the entire build of Haven House.
- For every \$1 you raise through your Hard Hat event, we double its value. It is matched through in-kind donations of skills, labour and goods by the property and construction industry.
- It's about having a place to call home.
- With safe housing and the right support, the benefits are felt not just by the young people, but across society.

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Specialist homelessness service annual report 2021–22.

² Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2021 Census Data

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