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OUR CEO

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for families in need



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Melody Beattie

A MESSAGE from our CEO

Gratitude demonstrates and celebrates our appreciation for the inherent value of people, actions, and things. Gratitude is an important part of self-care – important to our physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing. At Rosies, we see gratitude across our community every day. We are grateful for the patrons who utilise our service and share friendship and their stories.

We are grateful to our volunteers who give generously of their time and energy, ensuring that our patrons feel valued, respected, and supported. We are grateful to those who support us through financial donations, goods drives and through spreading the word of the vital work that we do on the street – we could not do what we do without **you**.

The blessing that Rosies receives in return is significantly greater than what we provide. On outreach, we frequently hear the incredible gratitude expressed by our patrons for our service and the kindness and genuine care shown by our volunteers. In turn, at the end of the night on the way back to our hub, volunteers often express the gratitude they have for our patrons, the friendship and vulnerability that they show, the stories that they share and the important role that Rosies and our patrons play in their lives.

Thank you for being a part of the Rosies Community. Because of you, Rosies can support the growing need so visible in our communities, helping those who are experiencing homelessness, hardship or social isolation.

With gratitude and great appreciation,

Jayne Shallcross
CEO
Rosies – Friends on the Street

Friendship - A good investment

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Paul and two of his children at the Sunday BBQ in Toowoomba

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

Paul's Story

Paul, from Wilsonton, Toowoomba, has faced many challenges throughout his life.

Despite working hard to support his family, his mental health struggles and the financial pressures of raising a large family often make life feel overwhelming. For Paul, Rosies has been a crucial source of support, offering more than just food or resources. It's become a place of refuge, a lifeline during times when things get particularly tough.

"Rosies has been a dream for us," Paul says. "We're a family of eight, and my wife is on a parenting pension. I work, but we still struggle, especially when it comes to getting the kids to school and covering basic expenses. Rosies has helped us out in ways we couldn't imagine. They've provided Book Packs, which had school books, backpacks, drink bottles. Things that, honestly, we wouldn't be able to afford otherwise."

Paul's six children, varying in age, are the centre of his world. He's incredibly grateful for the assistance that allows them to focus on their studies without worrying about the financial burden that school supplies can create. But the support from Rosies doesn't stop there. It's the sense of community and understanding that Paul cherishes the most.

"I don't know what we'd do without Rosies," he admits. "It's not just about the practical help; it's the kindness, the welcoming atmosphere. It feels like a family barbecue every Sunday. I know I can bring my kids, and they'll be safe, and everyone will treat us with respect."

With the cost of living continually rising, many parents are forced to make impossible decisions between buying food, paying bills, or getting their children the supplies they need for school. Thanks to the support of the Kela Foundation Rosies can step in to ease the pressure, offering support to those in need. Through its volunteer network and generous donors, Rosies makes a tangible impact in the lives of everyday Queenslanders, helping families stay afloat during difficult times.

Paul's family is one of many that has benefited from Rosies' outreach. Every Sunday, the Toowoomba team is there – rain, hail or shine – offering warm meals, groceries, toiletries and a friendly face. It's this reliability that gives families like Paul's something to look forward to, these contributions can mean the difference between a stable week, or one filled with anxiety.

"Whoever the donor is, I take my hat off to them," Paul says. "The help we've received has made such a big difference not only to us but to other families too. A lot of our friends, especially single mothers, don't have the extra support I have from my wife. So, for them, what Rosies offers is a lifeline."

Paul's connection to Rosies goes deeper than just receiving assistance. It's a place where he can be himself, even during the tough times. Living with bipolar disorder, he's open about the way his mental health can isolate him. On tough days, it's hard to be around others, even his own family. But Rosies gives him space, understanding and a reason to keep showing up.

"There are times when I'm not the best to be around," he says. "When I'm struggling, I isolate – not because I don't care, but because I do. But Sundays at Rosies are a relief. They're a lifeline for me, a place where I'm always welcome, no matter what's going on in my head."

His openness about his mental health struggles highlights just how crucial the support system at Rosies is for people facing complex challenges. In an environment where understanding and empathy thrive, individuals like Paul can find solace and connect with others who don't judge.

"I love that my kids feel welcome, and I love that Rosies helps me when I need it," Paul adds. "I look forward to Sunday every week. It's a time for us to gather as a family and be part of something bigger than ourselves."

For many, Rosies is more than just a provider of essential services. Our focus on building relationships with those it serves ensures that people like Paul feel valued, seen, and cared for. As Rosies continues to expand its reach across the country, it remains dedicated to offering a safe space for individuals and families facing hardship.

In 2024 alone, Rosies recorded more than 85,000 patron interactions across Queensland, and helped thousands of people like Paul who are struggling with homelessness, mental health issues, or financial insecurity.

Rosies is committed to walking alongside Queenslanders doing it tough – not just with food or essentials, but with friendship, dignity and respect.

Paul's story is one of thousands and a powerful reminder that behind every donation is a real person, a real family, and a future made just a little bit brighter.

Without Rosies, we'd be struggling so much more.
It's not just about the practical things; it's about knowing that there's someone out there who cares.
For me, that makes all the difference.

Your generosity can be that difference.
Please donate today to support families like Paul's.



ROSIES PRAYER

O Jesus,
make our hearts so human,
that others may feel at home with us,
so like Yours,
that others may feel at home with You,
so forgetful of self
that we might simply become the place
where You and they meet
in the power of Your love and the joy of
Your friendship
Amen