

Hutt St Centre

**WALK A MILE
IN MY BOOTS**

School engagement handbook



Together, we're ending

homelessness

For more than 7,000 people experiencing homelessness in South Australia, the cold winter months are the most dangerous time of year.

But when you step up for the [Walk a Mile in My Boots](#) challenge, you're reminding people doing it tough that they're not alone.

For fifteen years, our Walk a Mile in My Boots campaign has united people across the state in a common purpose: raising vital funds to support people to rebuild their lives and end homelessness.

Your support enables Hutt St Centre to remain a place of connection and support for more than 2,000 people take on their journey out of homelessness each year.

And, best of all, your support helps give someone in need the chance of a fresh start, when they need it the most.



Times are tough – people right across South Australia are feeling the pressure from the cost of living crisis.

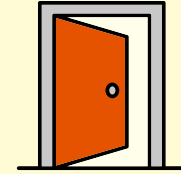
We know this because visits to Hutt St Centre have grown by 47% since last winter. It's heartbreaking to think how many people are struggling in our community right now.

Below statistics based on data from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023



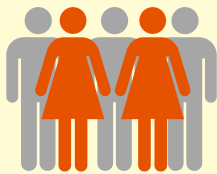
7,428
people

are experiencing
homelessness in South
Australia (2021 Census)



2095
people

walked through our doors
seeking help, including 979
new people



28%
of people

seeking our help are
women and 72% are men



15%
growth in

unique visitors accessing
our services



Up to
37%

of new visitors last year
had never experienced
homelessness before



56%
of people

are rough sleeping
when they first come
to us for help

Can you step up this August and make a life-changing

difference?

We are asking your school up step up and go the extra mile!

Round up your teachers and schoolmates and join us along with thousands of South Australians stepping up to help end homelessness.

We're challenging your school to Walk a Mile or more each day during National Homelessness Week (5-11 August). It can be at your school oval, a local park, by the beach, or around the block.

Everyone who registers is invited to walk [The Final Mile](#) together in person on Friday 9 August, 2024.

It's not only a great learning experience, but a chance to brave the cold and walk in solidarity with people doing it tough this winter.

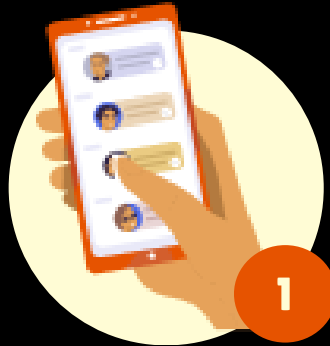
Step up for over 7,000 people experiencing homelessness in South Australia.

[Register now](#)



How can your school get involved and

Walk a Mile in My Boots?



1

Sign up and inspire your schoolmates

Choose a team captain and register for Walk a Mile in My Boots, then invite schoolmates and teachers to join your team.



2

Raise funds and help change lives

Participation builds our community, but fundraising keeps Hutt St Centre's doors open.



3

Walk a mile to help end homelessness

Join the movement and support the 7,000 people experiencing homelessness in South Australia.

"I am forever grateful to the people who support Hutt St Centre. At a time in my life when I was at my lowest point, the food and care you gave me helped me get back on my feet. Words will never be enough - thank you."

-Drew*



Okay, we're **registered** and **fundraising**...

Let's go the extra mile!



Plan a group walk at school during recess or lunch break. Take photos and spread the word on your school social media page or newsletter.



Plan a lesson, activity, or project about homelessness to make Walk a Mile in My Boots a meaningful and enriching learning experience for your students. You can find lots of information about homelessness on the Hutt St Centre website.



Get crafty! Learn how to create your very own Walk a Mile in My Boots bunting, DIY signs, shoelace bracelets, and more with our new school resources. Craft activities are suitable for students of every age – and lots of fun!



Be kind to people you meet who are doing it tough. Saying, “hello,” and offering a friendly smile can go so far in making another person's day brighter. Thank you for your kindness.



Three tips to step up your fundraising game

Dive into these tips and tricks to smash your Walk a Mile in My Boots fundraising goal. Get ready to unlock your workplace's full potential and create positive change for people experiencing homelessness.



Lead the way and self donate

Boost your fundraising game by making a personal donation. Your supporters are more likely to give generously when they see your passion and commitment. Don't forget to thank them for their support too!



Get social and share your journey

Share your school fundraising page across your social platforms, broadcasting to parents and other followers that you're taking part in something truly special!



Use our fundraising tools

When it comes to fundraising tools, we have got you! Access a bunch of free promotional materials including social media tiles, posters, and more right [here!](#)

Need a little more inspo? [Join our Walk a Mile in My Boots Facebook Group!](#) Connect with like-minded legends to gain fundraising ideas, training tips and support throughout your challenge.

[**Join online here**](#)



Are you ready to take
the next **step?**



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