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YOUTH OFF THE STREETS URGENTLY NEED NEW VOLUNTEER TEAM MEMBERS

Due to the economic crisis, Youth Off The Streets Op Shops are busier than ever. We need volunteers to provide much needed support in the day to day running of the Casula and Sefton Op shops.

Volunteers are required to sort through donations, price items and pick up and deliver goods. Youth Off The Streets are looking for volunteers who are available to help out for between 2 hours and 2 days per week.

In these tough economic times the Op Shops service aims to provide affordable second-hand clothing, bric-a-brac, linen, electrical and furniture goods. Volunteers play a crucial role in enabling Youth Off The Streets to provide this much needed service to the local community.

All money raised at Youth Off The Streets Opportunity Shops is used to help disadvantaged youth through supporting programmes and services that provide community development and outreach, crisis refuge, non-medicated drug and alcohol treatment, medium to long term residential services, secondary education, semi-independent living and mentoring, aftercare, Aboriginal services, and scholarships for disadvantaged youth.

Robert Innes, Opportunity Shop Manager, Youth Off The Streets says, *"Volunteering is a great way of meeting other people and a lot of volunteers are amazed at how much satisfaction they get from their involvement."*

All Youth Off The Streets Opportunity Shops are staffed entirely by volunteers. For more information about volunteering at the **Youth Off The Streets Casula and Sefton Op Shops, please call Robert Innes: 0428 497 240**

The Casula Opportunity Shop is situated at: 632 Hume Highway, Casula
The Sefton Opportunity Shop is situated at: 38A Helen Street, Sefton
The Op Shop will be open weekdays from 9:30am – 3:30pm.

To donate much needed furniture and electrical OpShop items, please call **Ph: 9721 5700** to arrange pick-up.

Youth Off The Streets Mission:

Helping disconnected young people to discover greatness within, by engaging, supporting and providing opportunities to encourage and facilitate positive life choices.

About Youth Off The Streets:

Youth Off The Streets is a non-denominational community organisation working for young people who are homeless, drug dependent and recovering from abuse. We support these young people as they work to turn their lives around and overcome immense personal traumas such as neglect and physical, psychological and emotional abuse.

Since opening in 1991, Youth Off The Streets has grown from a single food van delivering meals to young homeless people on the streets of Kings Cross to a major youth specific agency providing a wide range of services offering a full continuum of care.

It is our goal that these young people will leave our care drug free, with a high school education, living skills and a full or part time job in hand. **To donate to Youth Off The Streets, please call: 1800 06 22 88 or visit:**

www.youthoffthestreets.com.au

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