



St Vincent de Paul Society
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VINNIES SCHOOL SLEEPOUT

ABOUT

Homelessness is an issue often overlooked and misunderstood by the wider community. The Vinnies School Sleepout will provide participants with a glimpse of what it's like to sleep rough and encourages them to learn more about the problem they're helping to solve.

In today's financial climate, homelessness is a growing concern, with more and more people turning to Vinnies for help. Men, women, families and youth are all affected by this issue. With no family or friends to help, it's easy for someone to fall through the cracks and end up sleeping in their car or on the street.

WHY GET INVOLVED

Awareness and fundraising are key ways the Vinnies School Sleepout helps people experiencing homelessness in your community.

- Over the past five years, there has been a 30% increase in the number of families with children being assisted by homeless services.
- Most of the children in homeless services are under 12 years of age.
- Homelessness has serious impacts on children's education, health and wellbeing.

By getting involved with the Vinnies School Sleepout, your school can play an active role in your local community. You will raise much needed awareness of the situation faced by many Australians, and vital funds to assist the St Vincent de Paul Society in their work.

THE DIFFERENCE YOUR SUPPORT MAKES

Your participation in a Vinnies School Sleepout will help our 16,000 members and volunteers provide assistance to over 475,000 people in NSW.

- Between June and August 2013 alone Vinnies assisted over 33,000 people in NSW providing \$3.3 million.
- This includes just under \$1 million in vouchers and cash to help people pay their energy bills.
- A further \$1.6 million was provided in food assistance during this period.

All funds raised through your participation at the Vinnies School Sleepout will support people experiencing homelessness.

\$15 can pay for a day's worth of meals for families struggling to put food on the table

\$30 can give a mother and child a bed for a night when in need of crisis accommodation

\$50 can provide blankets to someone sleeping rough

HOW THE DONATIONS WORK

To register your school visit

<http://nswvinnieschoolsleepout.gofundraise.com.au>

- Donations made online to your fundraising page will be directly transferred to the St Vincent de Paul Society NSW and each donor will be sent a tax-deductible receipt via email.
- Offline donations can be banked and donated online directly to the school's fundraising page.
- Alternatively a cheque can be sent to the St Vincent de Paul Society NSW from the school office with the total fundraising amount.

Please use the sponsorship form overleaf to record all donations received to support your efforts in sleeping out.

ORGANISE YOUR VERY OWN SCHOOL SLEEPOUT TODAY

School Name: _____

Name of event: _____

Date: _____

Together we can do something about it

For more information or to register contact your local Youth Coordinator or visit <http://nswvinnieschoolsleepout.gofundraise.com.au>

