



2022 - RECONNECTING ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS



OUR PURPOSE:
**CONNECTING GOOD SAMARITANS TO CREATE
A SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR WOMEN
& CHILDREN IN NEED**

OUR IMPACT:
**WOMEN AND CHILDREN HAVE PATHWAYS TO EDUCATION AND
IMPROVED WELLBEING.**

Our Strategic Framework



2022 Key Focuses

UNDERPINNED BY OUR DEEP COMMITMENT TO THE GOOD SAMARITAN SPIRITUALITY AND STORYTELLING THAT INSPIRES OTHERS TO COMPASSIONATE ACTION

- 1. STRENGTHENING CONNECTIONS WITH MINISTRIES, PARTNERS, SCHOOLS AND DONORS**
- 2. FORTIFYING OUR PROCESSES, GOVERNANCE AND SECURITY**
- 3. DEVELOPING OUR DATA OPTIMISATION AND MANAGEMENT**
- 4. INTEGRATING OUR DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITIES WITH OUR CRM.**
- 5. EVALUATING OUR SUSTAINABILITY**

Chair's Report



After 9 years involvement with the Good Sams Foundation, this is my final letter as Chair, as my Director term ends.

I am very proud of everything we have achieved as a Board.

Starting from humble beginnings in 2015 with only a database that had to be decoded, and the vision of Sister Clare Condon. We have evolved our vision and impact, and the purpose of the Foundation is strong; to ensure the good works of the ministries continue into the future through;

- *Fundraising*
- *Sharing stories of the Ministries*
- *Maximising the impact of programs through advice, support, evaluation and reporting*
- *Safeguarding (funds and vulnerable people) and compliance (under the regulation of ACNC)*
- *Connecting Good Samaritans with the works, whether they are volunteers, partners or donors*
- *Identifying & developing future programs that continue the spirit and values of the Good Samaritan and the Sisters*

The fundraising position is good news, with steady growth in funds raised, disbursed and the number of programs supported. We were fortunate to be able to respond to need when it was asked of us, including the Ruby St Project, the Bacolod fires, and the Intergenerational Sewing project.

The positive stories from reconnection with Santa Teresa, Kiribati and Timor Leste highlight the importance of connection with Ministries and of the Foundation's role in developing partnerships, identifying need and maximising the impact.

Chair's Report



*I would like to thank Sister Meg Kahler, Chair of Members, the Members and the Congregation for their ongoing support. The Ministry Reserve fund grant is essential to our continued operation. Importantly, it enabled disbursements of **\$474,010** to be made to the ministries.*

The investment strategy review, led by Jerome Fink and the Finance, Risk and Audit committee, posed uncomfortable questions for the Board as to the current and future state of The Foundation. The long term plan for sustainability is for the discernment of the Board and the Council in the near future, as well as the more immediate resourcing to continue the growth and fulfil the Foundation purpose as outlined above. Funding for the ACFID application is one of the first steps in that direction.

The maturity of governance by The Foundation is due to diligence by Board and committee members, in ensuring depth of policies, regular monitoring and compliance. Amongst the work achieved in 2022, the risk review and audit led by Tari Makenda, was significant and will be finalised in the August board meeting.

The resignation of Catherine Cresswell was keenly felt. Catherine's appointment as Executive Director was instrumental in all that was achieved over her tenure of 8 years. She provided outstanding hard work and wise counsel to the Board.

Finally, as a Board, we are not only hard working, but we have developed into a high performing team. With each individual providing selflessly of their expertise, whether it be legal, financial, fundraising, charism, donor and school relations. Thank you all for your contribution and personal support.

Whilst much has been achieved, there is enormous potential, and I wish Martin Slattery, my successor all the best in achieving it.

Katrina Flynn
Board Chair

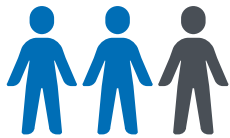
Our Year in Review

JANUARY

In December Typhoon Rae devastated Negros, resulting in loss of homes and livelihoods. Sisters of the Good Samaritan and the Outreach Centre team helped over 300 families either financially or materially in cleaning up, rebuilding or repairing, or re-equipping families to continue their livelihoods. The Foundation's campaign ran on email and social media, supported by the Good Oil raised \$10,500.

FEBRUARY

Investment finance expert, Jenna Labib joined the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee, an important addition to the team with the committee focus of examining investment potential and sustainability.



APRIL

Financial services, including preparation of financial reports, bank reconciliations and payments processing - previously provided by the Congregational offices were transferred to an external accounting firm, Accounting for Good.

The Company Secretary role was transferred from the Congregation's Finance Manager, Greg O'Brien to an external volunteer Michael Christodoulou. Michael has also joined the Governance subcommittee.

JULY

Sr Rita and Catherine Cresswell returned to Timor Leste, meeting graduates and current scholars in Dili and Nossef. A meeting with the Alola Foundation uncovered changes to strengthen the administration of the program. Over 150 students were supported on tertiary and secondary scholarships in Timor Leste, thanks to the partnerships with Alola foundation Dili and the Railaco Jesuit community.



AUGUST

Kylie Gray joined the fundraising committee. Kylie, as an experienced Marketing Director at Mt St Benedict College, brings a wealth of experience in marketing, communications, and knowledge of SGS and the school environment.

In Bacolod, the existing Outreach Centre was operating beyond capacity and the Sisters acquired an adjacent property to operate as an extension to the existing building. The Foundation donated the funding to furnish and renovate the property including the garden. The Ruby St Outreach Centre has enabled the expansion of the Nutrition and Livelihood programs as well as a social worker room to store emergency clothing and emergency food packs, with a living area for crisis accommodation.



Our Year in Review

SEPTEMBER

Fundraising capacity was upgraded with a review of the payment processing and transition to the Stripe payment gateway. CRM health and security was reviewed. The Raisely fundraising platform was set up with API (movedata) integrations to Salesforce opening new opportunities for digital fundraising and more comprehensive reporting.

Give the Gift of Education Direct Mail appeal generated \$9,075.

OCTOBER

Sr Bernadette Corboy and Catherine Cresswell travelled to Santa Teresa on a Listen and Learn trip, to understand how the Foundation and Spirituality Centre can support the community. Relationships were fostered with the Ursuline Sisters, the local Catholic Care Director and Dr Nicole Johnson, Senior teacher at the Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School. The Intergenerational Sewing program was identified and launched as a result of this trip.

A Virtual Immersion was conducted with students across GSE Colleges. Facilitated by Sr Anne with assistance from teachers, administrative staff and helpers, students were given a tour of the kinder school, meet community members undertaking an eco-restoration project and interact with scholarship students.

NOVEMBER

The Education Grants Committee awarded \$100,000 of scholarships to 16 Australian students experiencing hardship.

DECEMBER

The online shop went live and the Christmas appeal for Bacolod raised \$11,500.

Catherine Cresswell, Executive Director resigned from the role after 8 years. Andrew Markwell assumed the role of acting executive director. Andrew is a Fellow of Fundraising Institute Australia and has 25 years of experience in the NFP sector.



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RAISED



Sisters of the Good Samaritan Foundation
Christmas 2022 Appeal

GOOD NEWS STORIES

Connecting Good Samaritans

The online immersion was held with 8 colleges and was attended by hundreds of students and teachers. Whilst it was facilitated by Sister Anne Dixon it featured input from various stakeholders, including teachers, administrative staff and helpers. Reflecting on the experience, staff-member Dilyn, said it was a delight to know that students in Australia were interested in the work they were doing in Bacolod. “It brings us joy to meet the Australian students and to share our ministry with them and to know that they are interested,” she said.

Carlo, who is the Finance Officer at both the Kinder School and Outreach Centre, agreed. “Their enthusiasm and all the questions they asked us really made us happy,” he said. “And to know that they are interested in helping.”

Carlo hopes the immersion experience will continue to build relationships between the Bacolod ministries and the GSE school communities.

“By sharing our stories, they become aware of the issues and challenges here. They can also put a face to us, see us as real humans just trying to make a difference.”



Above: Helpers at the Outreach Centre

Below: Volunteers at the EcoPark Restoration Site



GOOD NEWS STORIES



Refugee Medical Fund Helping Our New Neighbours

Caha* his wife Ana, and their four children (aged under 15) have been clients of the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) since early 2020. They had arrived in Australia a few months earlier, seeking asylum and holding a Bridging Visa with work permission. Within a few months of first meeting the family, Ana contacted JRS advising that Caha was in a mental health facility following concerns for his safety, and she could not cover the family's rent. She explained that the family had run out of savings, despite selling her jewellery. They were provided with immediate rental assistance. The family's Caseworker learnt that Caha had a significant, diagnosed mental illness that had deteriorated since coming to Australia and losing contact with his doctor and ceasing medication. Caha stayed in hospital for two weeks and upon discharge, could not afford his medication.

Through the Good Sams Foundation Refugee Medical Fund (RMF), JRS was able to provide regular medication assistance until the family was provided support by another charity and JRS partner. The family is ineligible for SRSS at this time (the only Federal government program for people seeing asylum), as Ana had been assessed as 'work ready,' despite being new to Australia, having no local experience, living in insecure housing, and being the primary carer for her four young children and her husband upon discharge.

Caha and Ana contacted JRS again a few months ago. Caha's mental health is stable, and he is seeking support to obtain employment. Ana has worked casually over the last year but does not have a regular income. The family shares a home with another family of four. The entire household had COVID. Now that their financial support from another charity has ceased and with Ana's income being unstable, the family requested assistance purchasing Caha's medication for his mental health. Caha and Ana say they are scared to be without the medication again.

Whilst the Good Sams RMF is ensuring Caha has access to his critical medication, JRS is providing employment support to Caha and Ana as well as assistance to purchase back-to-school items for their children.

The Good Sams Foundation Refugee Medical Fund assisted 33 families, comprising of 51 adults and 47 children in 2022.

GOOD NEWS STORIES



Sewing Generations Together

Sewing machines, a skilled teacher with experience in Arrernte communities of Central Australia, and financial and practical support was all it took for a small idea to turn into a community-driven project with a big impact for the women, young and old.

Good Sams Foundation became involved with the project following a 'listening and learning' trip to Santa Teresa last year by Sister Bernadette Corboy and Catherine Cresswell. The artistic gifts of the local women have been supported by the Good Sams over several years in the Spirituality Centre, which provides a safe place to create artistic works to sell, and supports them financially.

Over three weeks, this initiative provided the opportunity for older women to mentor younger women; interacting together while engaged in meaningful, purposeful activity.

Sharing the existing space at the Spirituality Centre was perfect in welcoming younger women and providing opportunities for older women to mentor and share their stories and skills with the younger participants. There was a high level of positivity and encouragement. The environment that was alive with conversation, laughter, and seriousness depending on the conversations.

Developing sewing skills provides the opportunity for the women to create products to meet the needs of the community and small products that could be sold at the Centre to provide an income. The most popular items for the women to make were bags, coin purses, phone cases and curtains for their homes. Over the three weeks of the project, 30 participants produced more than 140 products. Many of these products produced a small income either for the participant or for the project itself, which was put back into purchasing more fabric.

This project, an outcome of the fruitful Listen and Learn trip established a positive working partnership with Dr Nicole Johnson, Senior Ladies teacher at the Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School, Maree Slatter, a former Santa Teresa teacher and Ursuline Sister Anne Surtees, who assists the women at the Spirituality Centre two days a week. This relationship continues to evolve the Good Sams work at Santa Teresa.

The workshop was so successful, with demand from many more women and students wanting the opportunity to participate, that the Foundation is fundraising for three workshops per year in 2023. Six secondary students have re-engaged in the Certificate 1 in Retail while participating in the sewing program, and continued their retail employment in the local store. "Some students, who have been absent and inconsistent in their schooling, re-engaged not only in these workshops, but it motivated them to increase their attendance in other areas of their education" reported Dr Nicole Johnson.

GOOD NEWS STORIES



Supporting Australian Scholars

“The scholarship recognises in each of these families their difficulties and the hardship they are experiencing in their lives. It validates their suffering and offers them a gift that is respectful and dignified. The parents do not need to feel indebted to the College or that they are receiving charity or welfare benefits. These families have been awarded the scholarship in recognition of their commitment to their child’s education and the sacrifices they are making for their daughter. It allows them to receive assistance without the guilt or sense of being a burden on the community. I believe this is the greatest gift of the scholarship, the retention of their dignity and the appreciation of their efforts.”

Sue Lennox, St Patricks College

Financial Overview

\$494,039

Income

\$474,010

Disbursements

2022 MINISTRY DISBURSEMENTS (AUD)

Education grants	\$40,000.00
Good Sam Housing	\$33,004.00
Good Samaritan Inn	\$93,514.00
Other (Philippines emergency relief)	\$10,000.00
Kiribati ECC	-
Kiribati - Other	-
Philippines Kinder School	\$29,520.00
Philippines Kinder Feeding	\$43,539.00
Philippines Tertiary Scholarship	\$60,000.00
Philippines Outreach Programs	\$70,320.00
Philippines COVID 19 / Livelihood support	\$20,000.00
Philippines Ruby Room	\$24,000.00
Marists Sisters Grant tbc	-
Refugees and Asylum Seekers	\$6,720.00
Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre	\$10,397.00
Timor Leste Tertiary and Secondary scholarships	\$30,000.00
WA Rural Outreach	\$2,996.00
Other Aust	-
Total Disbursements	\$ 474,010.00

Fundraising Position

Snapshot 1.

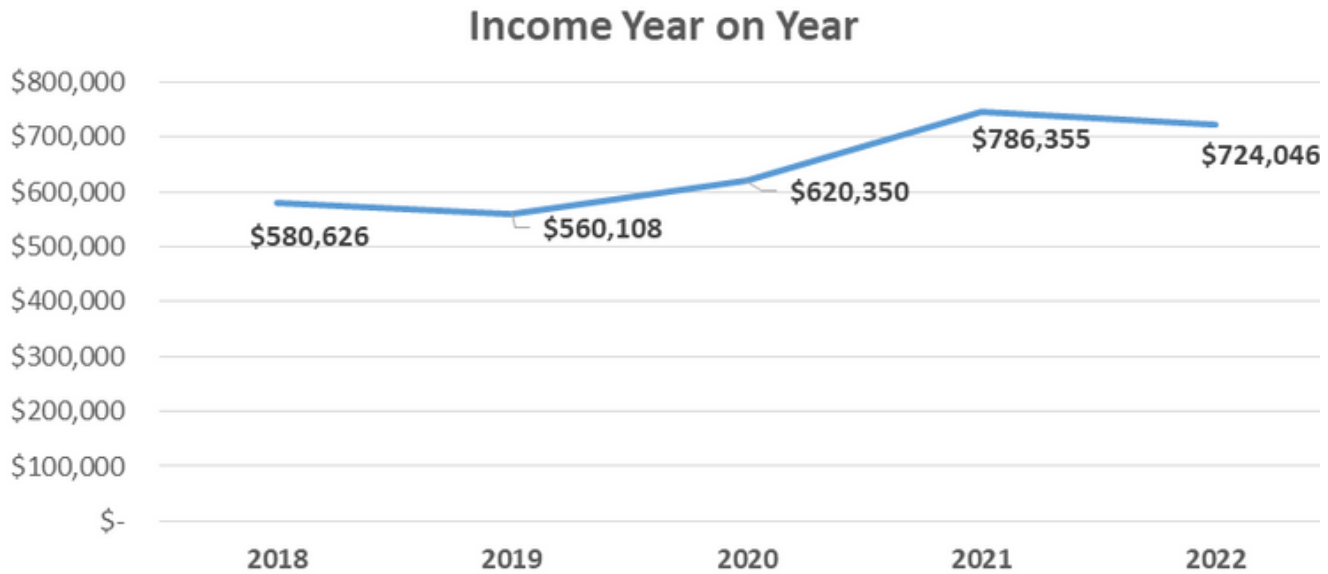
Over the last 4 years, the number of programs supported, funds raised, funds distributed and reach of the Foundation has grown.

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total number of programs supported	11	13	12	14
Geographic coverage	4 countries (Australia, Philippines, Timor-Leste, Kiribati)	4 countries (Australia, Philippines, Timor-Leste, Kiribati)	3 countries (Australia, Philippines, Timor-Leste)	3 countries (Australia, Philippines, Timor-Leste)
Total cash distributed to ministries	\$302,829	\$354,609	\$372,495	\$474,010
Average distribution per program	\$21,630	\$25,330	\$31,041	\$39,500

Fundraising Position

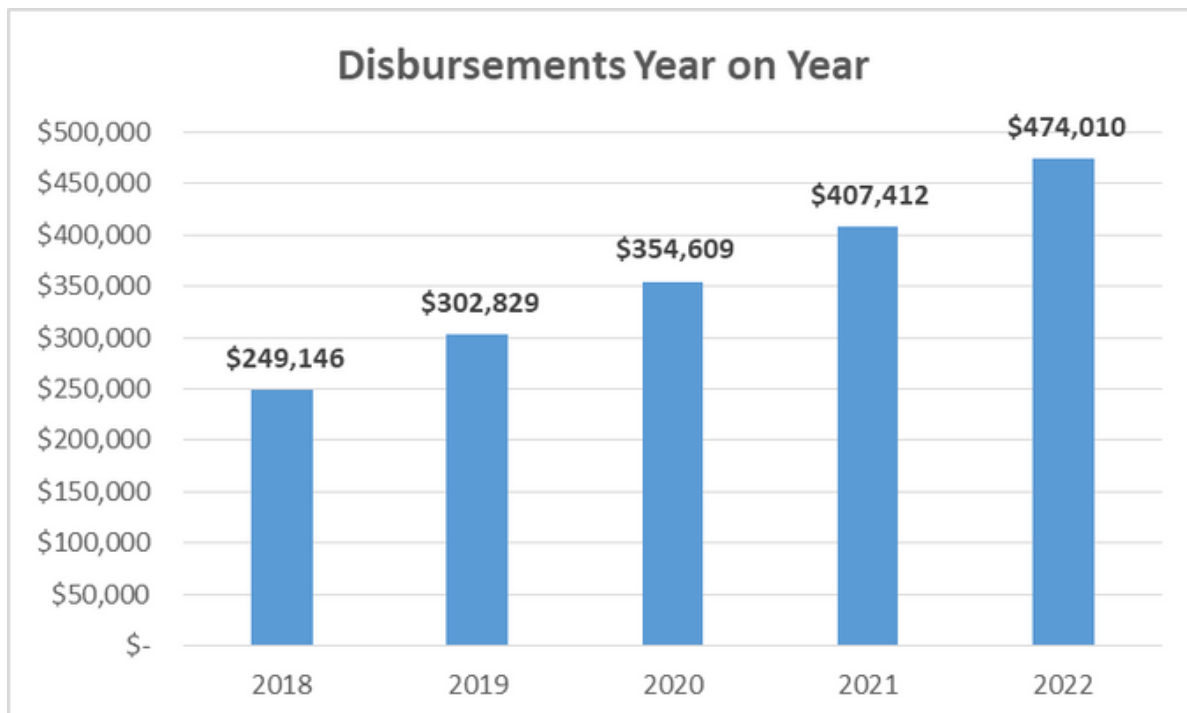
Snapshot 2.

After steady growth the previous 3 years, income fell short in 2022. Positive growth was experienced amongst individual donors and workplace giving.



Snapshot 3.

Increasing revenue has enabled The Foundation to respond to need when it calls, from Typhoon Rae, the Ruby St Outreach extension or uncovering the Intergenerational Sewing opportunity.



Our Education Impact 2022

133

Secondary and tertiary scholarships
in
Timor Leste

52

Primary and secondary
scholarships in Bacolod, **the
Philippines**

32

Tertiary scholarships in **the
Philippines**

120

Pre-school places in **the Philippines**

80

Students at the Early Childhood
Centre in Abaokoro, **Kiribati**

16

Education grants for students at
Good Samaritan Education Colleges
in Australia

**Many of these students will also receive nutrition support, mentoring
and access to formation opportunities to enrich them and give them
the best chance of success.**

Governance

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- *Board Meeting Dates 2022 - 24 Feb, 28 April, 28 July, 27 Oct, 8 Dec*
- *Strategic Planning Day 12 February*
- *Formation Day 18 June*

Director & Committee Members	Board Meeting	FRAC	Governance	Fundraising
Katrina Flynn (Chair)	5/5	5/5	4/4	6/7
Martin Slattery (Deputy Chair)	4/5		3/4	
Sr Jill O'Brien sgs	5/5			7/7
Sr Bernadette Corboy sgs	3/5			7/7
Tari Makanda	5/5	3/5	1/4*	
Fran Vella	4/5			7/7
Alison Sadler	5/5		3/4	
Michael Christodoulou (Co. Secretary)	4/5 *		3/4*	
Jerome Fink		5/5		
Jenna Labib		4/5*		
Kylie Gray				4/7*

* Joined the committee mid year

Governance

POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

New

- *Financial Controls & Delegations Policy and Procedures*
- *Investment Strategy (Formerly following SGS) February*

Reviewed

- *Safeguarding*
- *Volunteers*
- *Images*
- *Privacy*
- *Risk*
- *Committee Terms of References (Finance, Governance)*

SAFEGUARDING

The Good Samaritan Foundation joined the National Redress Scheme in 2019 as part of the Good Samaritan Participatory Group. The Congregation signed an MOU with the Foundation agreeing that it would pay any redress obligations arising from the scheme for applications that were concerning the Foundation.

- *2022 there were no applications for redress from The Good Samaritan Foundation*
- *There was an area of vulnerability identified during the travel by Catherine Cresswell and this was notified to the religious order it related to. It was not related to any programs or partners associated with the Foundation.*

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

- *Program management committee was unable to be formed due to a lack of suitable candidates.*
- *A student committee conducted an exercise in developing a program management framework that was deemed unsuitable.*
- *The success of the Timor Lest and Santa Teresa trips reinforce the importance of the Foundations in person connection with the ministries and further travel is slated for 2023 upon appointment of an executive candidate.*



\$382,816

*Budgeted
Disbursements*

\$474,010

*Actual
Disbursements*



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THE WALES FAMILY FOUNDATION
MULNOT FOUNDATION
ST SCHOLASTICA'S COLLEGE EX-STUDENTS'
UNION**

THE GSE COLLEGE COMMUNITIES

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**MEG KAHLER, CHAIR OF MEMBERS
THE FOUNDATION BOARD
SGS CONGREGATION
MEMBERS OF THE FOUNDATION
FOR THEIR SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

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CHIEF)
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE
MARGARET BEAZLEY AC QC
HER EXCELLENCY MRS LINDA HURLEY**

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