



ANTAGE
COMMUNITY SERVICES

THE community IN ACTION

opportunities coming our way:

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2007

What an exciting year this is shaping up to be with many opportunities coming our way already. Opportunities like the expansion of our food care services with the pick up of a variety of food products for distribution to the needy. Also the increased number of people who are able to access our employment training and skilling areas we recently picked up five pallets of computers for our computer recycling program, and our financial services are seeing a huge demand on its service, particularly the CAP case workers. The need is tremendous after the Christmas season.

The opportunities that come our way are so exciting, but they do stretch our resources and that is why your support is very much appreciated. We can only achieve what we do because of our sponsors and partners like yourselves. Remember, all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Thanks heaps.

We have four major fundraising events planned for this year. The first is the "Charity Golf Day" which will be held on the 8th of March, see our web site for more details. This event will be followed by our "Christmas in July" our "Corporate Charity Dinner" in August and we will close the year with our "Car Show" on 6th October. We would love to see you at these events, so please keep these dates in mind.

For more information regarding the services Vantage provides please check out our web page: www.vantage.org.au

Yours truly,

Mike Meyer

Director



BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

New Year & New Computers for Paradise Pre-school



Charity Computers has started 07 with a bang with an influx of computer donations and also machines distributed into the local community. One such place is Paradise Pre-School. The day care centre is located in Busby and is run by Mrs Yvonne Belim. We have had the great pleasure of donating six Pentium 3 machines to them. The computers are being used by the kids at the centre as a learning tool.

We at Vantage are committed to building our community in any way possible. By giving these kids opportunities to access computers we show we believe in them in their future.

our sponsors



WELFARE SERVICES **Gifts bring exuberant joy**

Thank you for partnering with us in making our community a better place in particular during the Christmas Season. You helped us be able to cater to over 450 families with a Christmas hamper and over 200 children were given toys. I had the honour of handing hampers and toys out to families around the local area and witnessed the overwhelming joy in people who received them. In many cases parents were brought to tears because of their relief to be able to provide something special for their loved ones.

Throughout the month of February a "Grief and Loss workshop" as well as a "Moving Forward Workshop" will be held at the Cartwright and Sadleir Family Resources Centres. We will also be running our very successful and helpful "Basic Budgeting" course over the coming months, to assist struggling families meet the ever-increasing challenge of balancing the household budget.

Our second hand clothing store "Recycled Fashion" will be running amazing giveaway specials throughout the year, to enable a larger number of needy people to access this great resource.

In 2007 we will be expanding our food care area (the provision of food parcels and resources to the needy). We are looking for sponsors to help with this much needed avenue of food distribution. As the demand increases due to the new range of clients we call "The Working Poor". We need assistance with a cool room and freezer to accommodate this growth. If you can help us it would be great. The estimated cost is \$12,500 and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. We will also use the food care area to train some of our job seekers in warehousing and retailing, a few of the skills in demand for the local area as determined by the department of work place relations.

For further information please contact our Welfare Office on 02 8783 5788 or drop in and enquire at 52-54 Celebration Rd, Sadleir.

TRAINING SERVICES **Bridging the generation gap**

Welcome to a New Year from the Training Arm of Vantage Community Services! We are kicking off the New Year with three courses to assist members of the local community. Our free Literacy Course (partnering with Miller TAFE) is designed to teach clients skills that are valuable in day to day life as well as being particularly useful for job hunting. Regardless of your skill level you are sure to find valuable tools in this fun and informative course. Also offered is a Senior First Aid certificate which gives clients the opportunity to

learn practical lifesaving skills in a fun, informative and interactive environment. The first aid trainer, Mark Smith, provides some interesting tales with many of the lessons and has been highly recommended by previous course clients as a very effective trainer. Finally, we also continue to offer the free "Basics in Computing" course which gives clients skills in computer operation. Clients have referred to Ernest our trainer as a "patient", "brilliant", "thorough" and an "excellent teacher."

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

I would like to make a contribution to Vantage Community Services at the following level:

A monthly automatic payment of \$ _____ A one-off donation of \$ _____

Company Name: _____ Contact Name: _____

Address: _____ Suburb: _____ P/code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please find enclosed cheque/money order for \$ _____ (payable to Vantage Community Services) Please debit \$ _____ Expiry Date ____ / ____

Card Type: Mastercard Visa Bankcard Amex Cardholder's Name: _____

Credit Card number: _____ Signature: _____

Please complete and fax or mail back to:

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WHO'S **who** at vantage community services



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Financial Service Henry Jacotine
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Lucia Marquez
Training Service Adam Boyes
Enterprise Development James Saba

OTHER VANTAGE SITES

Sadleir Resource Centre

Contact Person Joanne Perry
Location 52-54 Celebration Rd, Sadleir
Phone 02 8783 5788
Hours of Operation Monday 9am - 12pm
Tuesday – Friday 9am - 5pm

Recycled Fashion

Contact Person Lorraine Hynes
Location 7 Maryvale Ave, Liverpool
Phone 02 98222846
Hours of Operation Monday – Friday 10am - 4pm
Saturday 10am - 1pm

Breakfast Clubs

Location The Hub, 16 Woodward Cres, Miller
Hours of Operation Thursday 9am - 11am

Work Ventures

Location Cnr Eucalyptus Dr and Rosewood Dr, Macquarie Fields
Hours of Operation Thursday 9am – 11am

*Donations over \$2 are Tax Deductible