



VANTAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES

community IN ACTION MAY 2007

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

COUNTRY & WESTERN EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, 28th July 2007

Venue: Liverpool Catholic Club

Doors Open: 7pm

Tickets: \$60 per person

For more details contact Vantage
Head Office on 9608 9688

All monies raised at this
event will go to support
Christians Against Poverty

OPPORTUNITY for Sponsorship and Tax Deductible Donations

Our organisation needs a
COOL ROOM, to store all the great
food that has been donated; the
cost of this Cool Room is around
\$12,000, if you would like to make
a tax deductible donation please
contact the Vantage head office
on 9608 9688, this will allow us to
provide food to the needy that is in
a great condition.



our sponsors



INCREASED ACTIVITY SEES RESULTS

We are seeing an increase in activity with the on set of higher living expenses, BUT that is bringing with a greater effectiveness and even greater results in what we do.

We had a young lady come to us, she was distraught, unemployed, broke, no food and very discouraged with in days of coming in contact with one of our services she was being supported, encouraged and guided and her circumstances were completely turned around.

The family fun day we ran at Sadleir had a tremendous effect on the community with over 350 people attending and the community showing a real togetherness. Every body gave us positive feed back and showed a real optimism in the community togetherness a huge thanks to our partners Donated Goods, Mission Australia, Planet Kids, Stronger Families and Community Strategy and Liverpool Christian Life Centre.

The up coming event Christmas in July "Country and Western Extravaganza" is fast approaching, it will be held at the Liverpool Catholic Club at 7pm on Saturday the 28th of July for booking contact Jodie Lewis by phone on 9608 9688 or email at jodie.lewis@vantage.org.au

For more information and details on what we do have a look at our web site www.vantage.org.au and if you would like to partner with us in some way please feel free to contact at the head office and please remember as the financial year ends that all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

See you at our July Event!

Mike Meyer
Director



*a Huge thanks goes to
Curves Liverpool and it's members for
the donation of food, which we have
passed onto the needy*



eviction cancelled

VANTAGE FINANCIAL SERVICES

The money wise training program is seeing great results with over twenty participants attending both venues and applying the principles they are learning to their lives, which is bringing about change to individuals and families.

The financial counselling and debt reduction case work through our CAP centre (Christian Against Poverty) is paying off millions of dollars of debt using the clients own money. Their motto is "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy".

Early in January this year a family contacted us, saying they were in dire straits and needed the assistance of CAP. We visited them and created the necessary financial summaries including the debt repayment

schedule. The clients had been struggling to pay their mortgage and other bills. They had fallen behind with their payments as they did not have permanent employment. We responded quickly to the needs of our clients and spoke up for them. We had a team of people praying for them and soon after they became CAP clients their jobs were made permanent what a miracle. Soon after our clients informed us that the creditor in charge of the mortgage had taken legal action to evict them from their home, again with prayers and quick intervention from the CAP team another miracle took place. The creditor accepted the CAP budget and payment plan and allowed our clients to pay off their arrears over an extended period of time. **They also cancelled the eviction notice.**

This is one of the many exciting stories that make CAP a great support ministry to people who are having financial difficulties and are willing to accept CAP recommendations for better money management.

We love it and they love it!

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

The three programs we are now running are giving us, a greater opportunity to be able to help and encourage seventy five people with learning new skills in all different fields of work like how to drive a fork lift, how to run a factory and on the IT side participants will learn how to re-build and re-program computers.



We believe our programs are seeing the Employment Services Department help more people realise their potential so that they can build more confidence and be able to gain and maintain employment **"we love it and they love it!"**. For any enquires contact Geoff Kelly, Lucia Degnan or Erana Retimana on 9608 9688 or e-mail us at info@vantage.org.au

Thank You for your support!

+ WHO'S who at vantage community services

HEAD OFFICE

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 Phone 02 9608 9688
 Hours of Operation Monday – Friday 9am - 5pm

Director Mike Meyer
 Financial Service Henry Jacotine
 Employment Services Geoff Kelly
 Lucia Degnan
 Training Service Adam Boyes
 Enterprise Development James Saba

OTHER VANTAGE SITES

Sadleir Resource Centre

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

Recycled Fashion

Contact Person Lorraine Hynes Phone 02 98222846
 Location 7 Maryvale Ave, Liverpool
 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
 Location Work Ventures, Cnr Eucalyptus Dr and Rosewood Dr, Macquarie Fields
 Hours of Operation Thursday 9am – 11am

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 Amex Cardholder's Name: _____

Credit Card number: _____ Signature: _____