



## FINANCIAL SERVICES

**2008 is going to be Bigger and Brighter!**

This year, we are running Financial Skills Seminars during March, June and September 2008 for more information please contact Jodie on 02 9608 9688. At these seminars we will be educating and equipping many people in the community. These Seminars will see our community become connected into Smart Money Workshops and to financial counseling through CAP.

In 2007 we had over 40 people attend budgeting workshops which allowed them to learn about Spending Diaries, Needs & Wants and the most important, sharing ideas and strategies that have helped them through in hard times.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) has started the year fruitfully, with one family become DEBT FREE and many more to follow.

We are all looking forward to a conquering 2008!



## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

We begin 2008 with great expectations after finishing 2007 having seen many lives changed because of what we do. A huge thank you to all our partners and sponsors for their support for without it this would not be possible.

We have seen many youth come to us for assistance and we are now more than ever engaging with the youth of the local community. The pilot program which we commenced late in 2007 was a huge success with over 100 young people attending on the last night. The program is called "X=change" and it is where the team goes into the community do different activities with the youth, such as, games, leadership development, exercise, motivational talks and finishing with a BBQ. We are planning to expand the "X=change" to two venues over the next few months as we develop new young leaders to run this activity.

We also engaged the young people in a graffiti art display on one of the walls at our site at Sadleir, this is a great statement to our local area and a good conversation starter with young people.

For more information regarding the services Vantage provides and ways in which you can get involved please check out our web site [www.vantage.org.au](http://www.vantage.org.au) or call us on 02 9608 9688.

Yours truly, *Mike Meyer* Director

## BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Last year, Charity Computers, saw many lives changed, through the activities that we are involved in. There were three men who came to us as volunteers and over a period of time they gained self confidence, hope and some new skills, we then had the opportunity to place them in full time employment. After seeing this success it has encouraged us to work harder to bring better results for 2008.

This year Business Enterprise will be looking to expand its Charity Computer project and start a new activity, so more lives can be empowered.

## FINANCIAL SEMINAR

On the 12th March, we held our first Financial Seminar, which was a tremendous success. We had attendees from various organisations incl Salvation Army, Christians Against Poverty, Anglicare, The Smith Family, Dept of Housing, Wesley Mission, Dept of Corrective Services and CAFS. The session conducted by Terry Cahill, was informative and relevant, providing knowledge on the Secret to Financial Success, Attitudes towards Money and the Beauty of a Budget. All participants where able to ask questions and supplied positive feedback.

Next seminar to be held at Heckenberg Community Centre in June, we are all looking forward to building on the success of the first seminar.

## HEAD OFFICE

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## OTHER VANTAGE SITES

### SADLEIR RESOURCE CENTRE

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Hours of Operation Mon, Wed, Fri 9am - 12pm; Tue, Thur 9am - 3pm

## BREAKFAST CLUBS

Location The Hub, 16 Woodward Cres, Miller

Hours of Operation Thursday 9am - 11am



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## WHAT A YEAR AND MORE TO COME

As we closed the year of 2007, we saw over 250 people come through the work for the dole programs that we operated, where we taught skills like using power tools, sanders, band saws and drop drills. The participants also learnt to work as a team on a production line which produced a variety of toys that went out to local and overseas centers.

On our Computer Refurbishment Program, our participants were able to re-build second hand computers, reprogramming the hard drives and fixing electrical problems.

We saw over 100 people use our Breakfast Clubs in 2007. As a result of this, we saw people receive part time and full time employment.

Some of the Work for the Dole participants we receive at Vantage stay as volunteers after finishing their work agreement. Some of the tasks they do involve reception duties and refurbishing computers, which is a great help to our organization.

In 2008 we will be looking to expand our services to see many more people gain and hold employment. This will allow Vantage Employment Services to approach a variety of businesses and networks with clients who are much more equipped for employment.

This year is going to be a FANTASTIC YEAR. We are looking forward to helping the people in our community.

## FINANCIALSUPPORT

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## VANTAGE TRAINING SERVICES

The Training Services department is focusing on empowering people with skills that are relevant to local industries. With a focus upon a holistic approach to meeting needs, Vantage is providing practical training in forklift operation, driving heavy vehicles, Occupational Health and Safety inductions for the transport industry, hospitality courses, information technology courses, as well as consulting for other community organisations in the Sydney area.



We are also offering a free Basics in Computing course which is being overseen by our dynamic team of trainers. Our training team is currently training approximately 40 people a week on how to use a computer for the first time.

Vantage has also seen over 100 people undertake free forklift training and assessment in 2007 with many of these people going into employment using their new found skills.

Vantage is continuing to provide free forklift, hospitality and computer training throughout 2008 to eligible individuals.

For more information contact Adam Boyes at Vantage Community Services on 9608 9688.

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