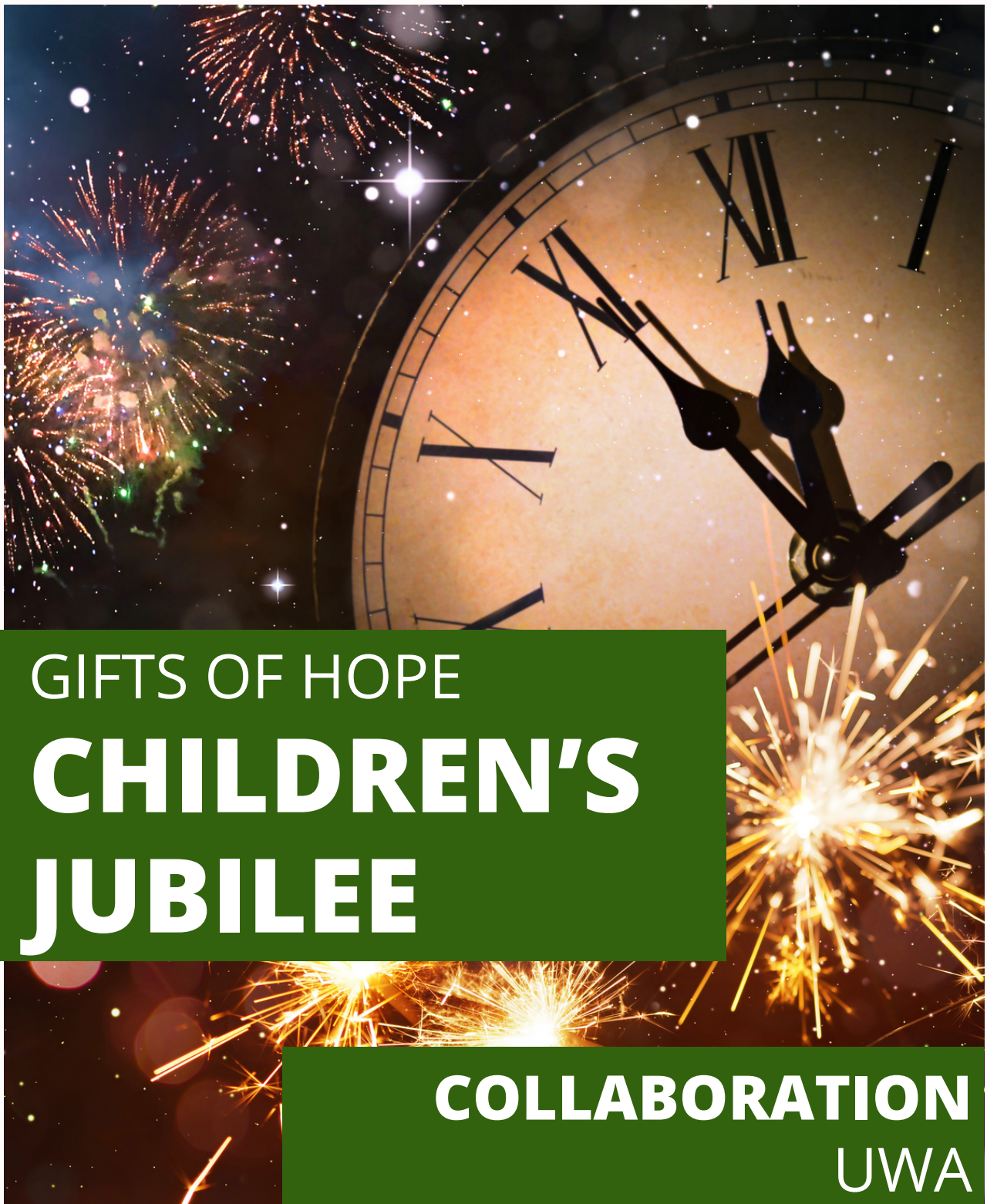


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CHAIR LETTER



As the dawn of 2024 unfolds, we at Rotary Path of Hope are embracing the new year with our unwavering commitment to growth, fuelled by a visionary approach and strategic execution. Our focused mission remains steadfast: to disrupt the intergenerational cycle of family violence. In parallel, we ardently support The Salvation Army's vital work, providing sanctuaries through their refuges and wellness centres for women and children rebuilding their lives post-family violence. This support extends to an array of exceptional services, including case management, counselling, and essential aid, empowering these families to access critical resources.

The backbone of our mission is our volunteers, a diverse group of professionals deeply committed to community service. Their generosity in time and expertise is invaluable. Rotary adds a unique dimension of unwavering support and an invaluable 'X factor', broadening our volunteer spectrum from enthusiastic high school students and University Interns to the seasoned insights of retired professionals. This dynamic blend fosters a rich tapestry of knowledge exchange and life experiences, enriching every volunteer and exponentially magnifying the impact of our endeavours.

The 'secret ingredient' of our success lies in the diversity within our ranks, spanning a multitude of ages, backgrounds, professions, cultures, and life experiences. It's this eclectic mix that sparks the transformative experiences we are honoured to facilitate at Rotary Path of Hope.

My heartfelt thanks extend to the supporting Rotary Clubs, UWA, the McCusker Centre for Citizenship, and Forrest Hall for ensuring our volunteers continue to enjoy a world-class experience characterised by excellence.

Yours in Rotary Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Labstey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CHAIR | PATH OF HOPE FOUNDATION

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CHRISTMAS JOY COMMUNITY HOPE

Spreading Joy to Families Affected by Domestic Violence

As the festive season arrived, Helen Leach successfully had mobilised the Perth community for an our Path of Hope Christmas Appeal. Her mission was accomplished: ensuring women and children affected by family violence experienced the joy and hope of the season, thanks to the generosity of gift donations.



What began as a small, heartfelt request to friends and family in Dalkeith, Western Australia, blossomed into a major initiative. This past year, Helen journeyed across Perth, gathering a heartwarming array of gifts to brighten the holidays for those in need. The spirit of giving reached new heights, with pharmacies from the northernmost to the southernmost parts of Perth stepping up as collection hubs. These local businesses opened their doors wide, encouraging community participation in the appeal.





While second-hand presents were directed to The Salvation Army stores, the Christmas Appeal focused on new items for special holiday cheer.

For teenagers, the appeal requested gift vouchers – covering clothing, entertainment, and sports – as well as board games, jewellery, self-care packs, and more. Women were thought of with requests for new personal care items, cosmetics, books, and other nurturing gifts.

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“Immense gratitude to everyone who donated, participated, and helped in the collection of gifts for the women and children. Your contributions have truly been the cornerstone of this appeal’s success.” - Helen Leach

In collaboration with Perth Rotary and its Path of Hope project, Helen extended a warm invitation to all, bolstering The Salvation Army’s continuous efforts.

The Salvation Army, a beacon of hope in our community, operates tirelessly to provide shelter, safety, and support. Helen’s appeal was specific: new gifts to bring smiles to children up to 12 years old, including toys, sports gear, Lego, board games, and art supplies.





Helen's Path of Hope Christmas Appeal became more than just a call for donations; it turned into a powerful movement making a real difference in the lives of those affected by domestic violence. The community was encouraged to visit their local participating pharmacy to join in the season of giving. The response was overwhelming, with generous donations from local communities around Perth and the magical pharmacies playing a pivotal role. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who contributed, and extra special thanks to Helen for leading this amazing project within Path of Hope, creating a wave of happiness and hope this Christmas.

THANK YOU TO ALL!

Collection Points:



ROBYN

THE LEDGER'S GUARDIAN



- Robyn secures Path of Hope's finances.
- Unsung hero elevating our mission.
- Her professionalism is key to our team.

In the intricate dance of numbers and ledgers that underpins any successful organisation, Robyn stands as a linchpin within the Path of Hope Foundation. As our volunteer bookkeeper, her precision and professionalism have become the quiet powerhouse fuelling our mission.

Robyn Scotney is a devoted mother to three teenagers, Robyn's journey began on a farm near the small town of Piawaning, two hours north of Perth, where life's early lessons in responsibility and care were well ingrained.

Her impressive career spans continents and sectors, from her time with "The Economist Newspaper" in London to various administrative roles in a Japanese trading company and a stockbroking firm back in Perth. Her academic pursuits didn't stop with international work experience; Robyn also delved into the arts, securing a Degree in Fine Arts, which remains a treasured avocation.

The transition to motherhood saw Robyn prioritise her family from 2000 to 2010, but the call to professional life beckoned her once more. She furthered her education and seamlessly moved into a management position within a boutique accounting firm.

Today, Robyn owns and operates a successful Bookkeeping and Management Services business, bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to our team.

Robyn's journey with Path of Hope began out of a desire to contribute to a cause larger than herself. With a meticulous eye for detail and an unwavering commitment to accuracy, Robyn has been instrumental in ensuring that every dollar is accounted for and that financial reports reflect the utmost integrity.

Her expertise goes beyond mere bookkeeping; it extends into the very heart of our operations.

Robyn's work allows us to plan for the future with confidence, ensuring that resources are allocated effectively to support women and children rebuilding their lives after family violence.

Perhaps what sets Robyn apart is her dedication. As a volunteer, her motivation stems not from monetary gain but from the knowledge that her skills provide crucial support to a vulnerable sector of society. Her steadfast reliability provides reassurance to the team, donors, and stakeholders that the financial health of the Foundation is in capable hands.



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"Balancing the books goes beyond figures; it's about restoring balance to lives disrupted. I'm honored to contribute to this mission of healing and new starts."

- Robyn Scotney

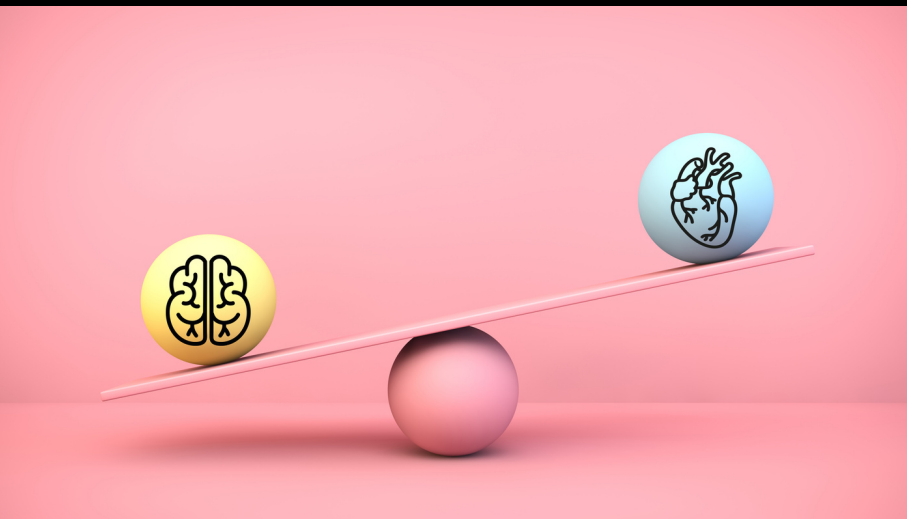


In a realm where fiscal responsibility is paramount, Robyn's role cannot be overstated. She is not only a professional bookkeeper; she is a guardian of trust and a beacon of hope, exemplifying the spirit of service that is the cornerstone of the Path of Hope Foundation.



As we celebrate her contributions, we recognise that Robyn's meticulous work behind the scenes is vital to our continued success. She embodies the spirit of volunteerism—her time, talent, and tenacity are gifts that empower our team to focus on our mission: breaking the cycle of family violence and offering new beginnings.

THANK YOU ROBYN!



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Success is crafted through readiness, perseverance, and embracing the growth from every setback.



INTERNING 2024 🖱️

Join Our 2024 Internship and Mentorship Program at Rotary Path of Hope.

Embark on a journey of professional development and impactful service with Rotary Path of Hope 2024 Internship and Mentorship Program. Located at the prestigious Forrest Hall, our program offers a unique opportunity to work alongside leading minds like Mentor Professor Garry Allison, Supervisor Rebecca Tolstoy AM and Mentor The Hon Judi Moylan AO.

Uni Students, elevate your academic knowledge through real-world applications and contribute to meaningful projects that resonate with community upliftment.

We invite ambitious interns and visionary mentors to become part of a collaborative force driving change.

Apply now and shape a brighter future for yourself and for those in need.

Students: [McCuskerCentre](#)

Mentors: [Rotary Path of Hope](#)

NORTH PERTH ROTARY

Small in Numbers Mighty in Impact

In Perth, Western Australia, the Rotary Club of North Perth stands as a shining example of how a small group can make a significant impact.

With only **18 members**, this dynamic club punches well above its weight, contributing to the community in ways that contradict its size. Its members, a diverse blend of men and women from Australia and around the world, embody the spirit of service above self.



North Perth Rotary Club chose Rotary Project - Path of Hope Foundation as the major beneficiary of their Hyde Park Festival in 2023. The result was nothing short of spectacular.



Fashion Show
Pre-Loved Gala Gowns

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EVENING KITS

DONATED TO WOMEN AND CHILDREN REBUILDING AFTER FAMILY VIOLENCE

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Hyde Park Festival through organisers North Perth Rotary donated \$ 10,000 to Path of Hope Foundation.

The North Perth Rotary Clubs generous sum of **\$10,000** was **allocated** to support **The Salvation Army's refuges in Perth and Karratha**, providing sixty-six much-needed **evening kits for women and children escaping family violence**.

These evening kits are more than just a collection of items; they represent a new start, a touch of comfort in a time of turmoil.

Each kit includes everything from bed linens to electric toothbrushes, ensuring that those arriving at the refuge with nothing can have a sense of normalcy and dignity.

The refuge staff is blown away of the joy and hope these evening kits bring. A small catalyst for positive change in someone's life.

A **heartfelt** expression of **gratitude** to each member of the **North Perth Rotary Club** for their generous donation of **\$10,000 amounting** to an impressive **66** of the annual 213 goal for evening kits to **The Salvation Army's refuges in Karratha and Perth, Western Australia**. Your substantial contribution has been a beacon of hope and support for many. □



Ray Simpson and his Wife Liz from Path of Hope | Perth Rotary Chair and Ian Wooten, North Perth President 2021/23

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*"Our story at the Rotary Club of North Perth shows that with dedication and a spirit of service, we can make a significant difference in our community and beyond."
- President Ian Wooten.*

The Salvation Army, with its longstanding commitment to helping those in need, has been an integral part of this effort. Their staff, from the frontlines to the boardroom, approach their work with humility and compassion, making a profound difference in the lives of many. The story of a volunteer, once a beneficiary of The Salvation Army's services, now a successful professional, underscores the long-term impact of these initiatives.

Rotary International, with 33,00 clubs around the world, is one of the largest service organisations globally, promotes peace, goodwill, and community service. The North Perth Rotary Club exemplifies these values through their actions and commitment.

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Their upcoming event in 2024, a free family event featuring entertainment, activities, and community engagement, is another testament to their dedication to bringing people together and enriching lives.

Path of Hope Magic Fishing Pond



Little Red Riding Hood Treasure Quiz Hunt

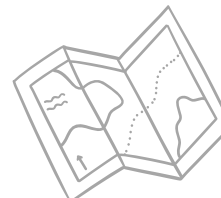
Little Red Riding Hood Treasure Quiz Hunt



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**DO YOU KNOW
WHY THE WOLF
DRESSED UP AS
GRANDMOTHER?**”



LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD
TREASURE QUIZ HUNT



EMERGENCY 000

For life-threatening
or time critical:

- Call 000
- Hearing/speech impaired call TTY 106



IN 2022, EVERY  **WA POLICE RESPONDED TO A FAMILY VIOLENCE INCIDENT (21)**

HOW TO USE

STEP BREAKDOWN

1. STAKEHOLDER AWARENESS



This section aims to outline what family violence entails for victims and the businesses as well as its legislative relevance to workplace responsibilities.

2. TRAINING & SUPPORT



This section details some short-term and long-term training and support systems that could be introduced into the workplace to help reduce family violence affects and its victims.

3. EVALUATION



This section details some reflective guides for the workplace after implementing resources and policies surrounding family violence.

COMPLIMENTARY

BUSINESS TOOLKIT

STEP ONE

STAKEHOLDER AWARENESS

This chapter provides a streamlined, professional guide for business leaders, merging government directives with strategies to address Family Violence.

DEFINING FAMILY VIOLENCE



PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOSOCIAL HAZARDS



 FREE RESOURCES

STEP TWO

TRAINING & SUPPORT



Our chapter on training and support for business leaders goes beyond responsibility; it's a strategic asset.

This dual-strategy approach includes:



In the short term, discover cost-effective and swift strategies that provide rapid assistance.

STEP THREE

EVALUATION

This chapter delves into the importance of result evaluation in business. It covers how systematic assessment of strategy effectiveness can guide improvements, drive informed decision-making, and facilitate market adaptability. The focus is on enhancing efficiency and fostering long-term sustainability.



TOP THREE INTERNS



As we gather in Mid December to bid farewell to our remarkable interns, it's a moment filled with pride and a touch of nostalgia. Over the past months, these bright, enthusiastic individuals have not only contributed to our organisation but also grown immensely, both professionally and personally.

From their first day, filled with curiosity and eagerness to learn, to today, as they stand confident and skilled, our interns have journeyed through challenges and triumphs. Each one brought a unique perspective, fresh ideas, and a contagious energy that revitalised our work environment.

This year's program was particularly notable for the diverse projects our interns undertook. Whether it was spearheading a new social media strategy, analyzing complex data sets, or assisting in innovative research, they demonstrated exceptional dedication and adaptability. Their contributions have left a lasting impact, and the skills they've honed here are sure to propel them towards future successes.

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Mentorship has been a cornerstone of their experience. Our seasoned professionals, who volunteered as mentors, provided guidance, support, and invaluable industry insights. The relationships formed through this mentorship are evident in the collaborative work and the heartfelt farewells being shared.



To our interns, as you move forward, remember that this is just the beginning of a thrilling career path. You've shown us that the future is in capable hands, and we can't wait to see where your talents will take you. Keep striving, keep learning, and keep inspiring those around you.

We extend our heartfelt thanks and best wishes to each of you. You will always be a cherished part of our family, and we hope you carry forward the values and experiences you've gained here.

To the class of 2023, congratulations on your remarkable journey with us!



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**Perth
Rotary**



*At the “heart” of Perth’s
professional community*

The Rotary Club of Perth has members from many of WA's leading businesses, government, academic and not for profit organisations. We all share a passion for making a positive difference for local, national and international communities.

Are you an established professional who wants to make positive changes in your community and the world?

Becoming a Rotarian connects you with a diverse group who share your drive to give back. Of course it is also about fun and there are plenty of opportunities for social and business networking at club meetings and events.

MORE INFO: <https://www.rotaryperth.org.au>

MCCUSKER CENTRE FOR CITIZENSHIP

The McCusker Centre for Citizenship seeks to foster caring, connected and socially engaged citizens who actively contribute to the wellbeing of their communities

CONTACT:

<https://mccuskercentre.uwa.edu.au/get-involved>



 McCusker Centre
for Citizenship



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THE UNIVERSITY OF
**WESTERN
AUSTRALIA**

Just 10 minutes from Perth city, UWA is located on the banks of the Swan River, or Derbal Yerrigan, on the land of the Whadjuk Nation.

We have the immense privilege of sitting on the sacred soil where Western Australian kaartdijin, or knowledge, began. It has been a place to gather and learn for tens of thousands of years, with stories and lessons shared from generation to generation of the world's oldest continuous culture.

Today, we welcome you to continue seeking and sharing wisdom with us. Our students take their learning beyond the books, at the cutting edge of knowledge creation, from passionate lecturers with real industry experience and connections. We'll support them in their learning journeys and help set them up for a career they'll love.

CONTACT: <https://www.uwa.edu.au/contact-us>

FORREST HALL

The University of Western Australia's Forrest Hall precinct plays a pivotal role in supporting research projects (associated with all Western Australian universities).

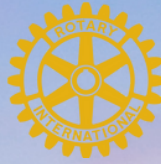
There is also a multi-purpose room for seminars and functions available for the University community to use.

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<https://www.uwa.edu.au/facilities/forrest-hall-precinct>



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