



# Schools For Future Fundraising Report

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## Introduction

This report summarises the significant outcomes achieved through the fundraising efforts conducted by Schools for Future (SFF) on 19 October 2024, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) established on 15 May 2024. The funds raised are dedicated to supporting disadvantaged children and families participating in CatholicCare Sydney's Family Support in Schools Program (FSIS Program).

## Purpose of the Funds Raised

The funds raised will directly support up to 30 children from disadvantaged backgrounds in the FSIS Program. The objectives of these funds are to:

Facilitate attendance at school holiday camps and activities.

Promote emotional and physical development.

Ensure equitable access to educational and recreational opportunities.

## Collaboration Commitment

The successful fundraising event has exceeded expectations, demonstrating a strong commitment to supporting disadvantaged children and families. The activities funded through this collaboration highlight the importance of community engagement and the need for ongoing support.

## Objectives of the MOU:



Support participation in school holiday activities



Allocate funds transparently and effectively



Maintain open communication for successful implementation of program

## Fundraising Overview



**\$10,057.50**  
FUNDS  
GENERATED

The fundraising event successfully generated \$10,057.50, which will be allocated to enhance emotional and physical development among children from disadvantaged backgrounds through participation in school holiday camps and activities.

## Key Activities and Outcomes

The fundraising efforts have made a profound impact on the lives of children and families involved in the FSIS Program. Below are the key activities supported by the raised funds and their outcomes:

### Daily Camps Participation

#### Activity:



**17**

children attended daily camp activities at the Teen Ranch.

**Outcomes:** Participants reported increased social skills, improved emotional wellbeing, and enhanced peer relationships. Many children felt more confident and connected to their peers, leading to new friendships and a sense of belonging.

### Community Engagement

#### Activity:



**80**

individuals (children and their families) were provided with tickets to the Easter Show.

**Outcomes:** Families reported increased satisfaction and happiness, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to create lasting memories together. This engagement helped reduce feelings of isolation, allowing families to bond and experience joy together.

### Educational Support

#### Activity:



**1**

child received a laptop through Project Connect.

**Outcomes:** The child demonstrated significant improvement in academic performance, actively participating in remote learning opportunities and completing assignments more efficiently, which resulted in notable grade improvements.

### School Holiday Activities

#### Activity:

**\$3000**

was allocated to support movie tickets, school activities, and the purchase of art supplies for those with disabilities. Additionally, food vouchers were provided to assist families in purchasing food and fuel.

**Outcomes:** Participants engaged in creative activities that enriched their school holidays. The food vouchers ensured families could maintain a stable home environment, promoting overall family functioning and wellbeing.

The collaboration between SFF and CatholicCare Sydney has yielded remarkable outcomes, showcasing the power of community support in transforming the lives of disadvantaged children and families. The funds raised have not only provided immediate benefits but also fostered long-term emotional wellbeing, social connections, and educational engagement.



## Case Study: Family Resilience

One story that illustrates the impact of our fundraising efforts involves a family that faced challenges following the loss of their mother. This family, consisting of a single father and three teenage sons, has been navigating life without the emotional and practical support that their mother once provided.

The fundraising event enabled us to provide this family with access to the Easter Show, allowing them to engage in joyful activities and foster social connections. This experience was essential for several reasons:

1. **Creating Positive Memories:** The outing enabled the family to create new memories together, fostering joy and laughter during a time of grief.
2. **Strengthening Bonds:** The day at the Easter Show provided an opportunity for the father and sons to reconnect on a deeper emotional level, which is vital for rebuilding family ties.
3. **Social Interaction:** Attending community events promotes social engagement, alleviating feelings of isolation and helping the family feel part of the community again.
4. **Holistic Support:** This experience emphasised the importance of emotional and social wellbeing, which complements the crisis intervention focus of the FSIS Program.

The outing facilitated a healing process, helping the family process their grief in a positive environment. The father and sons returned from the event with renewed energy and a sense of togetherness.

The family felt more connected to their surroundings, reinforcing the idea that they are not alone in their struggles.

This story exemplifies the profound impact of the fundraising efforts, providing the family with an opportunity to heal, connect, and grow together. Such initiatives are vital in transforming lives and fostering resilience in families facing diversity. By creating avenues for joy and community engagement, we can help families thrive in the face of challenges.

**Thank you to all who contributed to the success of the fundraising event and for your unwavering support of the Family Support in Schools Program.**