<u>The Kealing Way for Forgotten</u> <u>Australians Snc.</u>

"Our heroes are in our stories told"

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In our endeavours to start the healing process for trauma recovery with a large group of people from institutional care backgrounds we can see the need for workshops and retreats to cater for our special needs. As Forgotten Australians ourselves we have a great knowledge of the needs of our people.

As a group in the healing area we wish to support the Catholics Church Towards Healing process as well as the government processes by offering our advocacy to the individuals going through healing and afterwards in the offering of workshops. These workshops will bring people into contact with other "Forgotten Australians" who can relate to each other in a supportive, safe environment. The workshops will attend to the issues in regard to frustration, anger and trust. Your support in this area would help many Forgotten Australians and their families to move on with practical tools to use to bring about a more rewarding life.

Your assistance in funding would be greatly appreciated for workshops and retreats. This funding would be used for healing Forgotten Australians who need support to move on in their lives.

We have recently submitted a submission into the inquiry into the implementation of the recommendations of the Lost Innocence and Forgotten Australians Reports that will be presented to the Parliamentary committee in March 2009. This submission has been published online at the senate site <u>www.aph.gov.au/senate_ca</u>

For further information about our group go to our site <u>www.thehealingway.com.au</u>

We will be sending our updated proposal for healing workshops and retreats to your email attention to you.

Regards

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