

The Healing Way for Forgotten Australians Inc.

“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 later in the year. This submission has been published online at the senate site www.aph.gov.au/senate_ca

We have directly applied for funding from the Federal member for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs the Hon. Jenny Macklin with a sympathetic response only and a recommendation to apply for grants. We have been told to direct our submission for direct funding to your office. The letter tells our group that the responsibility lies with the State and Territory Governments for the issues of Forgotten Australians abused in care. We are a NSW organization trying to help Forgotten Australians to heal and catch up to other Australians. We as founding members are from NSW institutions and our State has had no redress to this date. This also concerns our group. As Forgotten Australians in NSW we are your responsibility as you are our State government. We offer healing workshops and retreats. We have recently worked at Lotus Place in Brisbane, Queensland with Forgotten Australians with a great deal of success. I have attached this letter response from the office of Hon. Jenny Macklin for your information. We do not need any more sympathy we need direct funding and redress in NSW.

For further information about our group go to our site www.thehealingway.com.au

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

Regards

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