

2017 annual report



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In 2016, I wrote about a year of challenge and change, and this year, I find myself in the same position, writing about the obstacles we have faced in the last 12 months and which seem to have increased in number and seriousness. Despite this, I am proud to say JRS has responded, once more, with

great compassion and resilience—qualities sorely needed by all involved in this difficult and demanding work.

One policy change that's proven particularly difficult to address, is the withdrawal of housing and income support from those previously in offshore detention who were allowed to travel to Australia for medical assistance. A huge number of these people have been left destitute and the resources of all agencies helping them to deal with the crisis, including JRS, have been stretched to their limits. Our case workers and volunteers have sought ways and succeeded in offering some hope during these difficult times, despite the fact there is still no clear path forward.

Collaboration, to deal with crises such as these, continues to be an important feature of JRS' approach. Several Religious Congregations responded generously to our appeal for special assistance, with the generous contributions of the Sisters of Charity, Sisters of Mercy, and Sisters of Mercy Parramatta and Good Samaritan Sisters continuing to support the ministry. The City of Parramatta has again proven to be a most generous and valued ally during these times.

I would also like to acknowledge our generous donors, individuals, organisations and foundations who have provided much-needed financial support, without which, we could not continue to serve some of the most marginalised people in our generally affluent society.

The people with, and for whom we work, have continued to provide inspiration, as they approach us with trust and share what little they have with one another. Our Christmas party was an occasion of

much joy and provided an opportunity for all those associated with JRS to meet and celebrate together.

A highlight of 2017 was the visit of Fr Tom Smolich SJ and Fr Bambang Sipayung SJ, Directors of JRS International and JRS Asia-Pacific respectively. They attended several functions, including a special evening for the friends of JRS Australia at St Aloysius' College, Milson's Point, a meeting and dinner for the Board and the launch of the Diocese of Parramatta's Year of Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection. These were important events for us and provided them with an opportunity to see first-hand the wonderful work done by JRS in Australia, while giving them the chance to meet our staff, volunteers and supporters.

We also endured a great sadness with the death of our board member, Mr Graham Fear AM, after a short illness. Graham was a long-time loyal and generous supporter of JRS Australia and did not hold back in lending his expertise. His death occurred on 21st December and tribute must be paid to him for his contribution to the board.

I again thank all the groups and individuals who continue to support JRS Australia, in small and large ways, often unobtrusively and always with great generosity of spirit. You inspire us and enable this important service to continue. Despite all the challenges we have faced over the past 12 months we believe that the advocacy, accompaniment and service we provide is God's work and we must continue to offer hope to people in their darkest hour.

Annette Cunliffe RSC
Chair of the Board JRS Australia

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I joined JRS Australia at the end of March 2017, at a time when policies affecting refugees, people seeking asylum and other forcibly displaced people continued their 'race to the bottom', becoming even more punitive and leaving the people that JRS works with, living in

the margins. They have few rights and even fewer options when looking to create a new and safe life for themselves and their families.

JRS Australia aims to walk hand in hand with refugees and people seeking asylum to achieve our mission - to accompany, advocate and serve for the rights of some of the most vulnerable people in our society. Our staff and volunteers work with people seeking asylum every day, helping to transform their lives in practical and meaningful ways; by lending a listening ear, recognising and celebrating an individual's skills and resilience, or simply offering a cup of tea or a place they can go and feel they belong.

This approach has had a profound impact on me personally and I am honoured to work alongside the incredibly committed team of staff and volunteers, as well as the members of our skilled and supportive board who make this all possible.

In August 2017, the Government decided to cut financial support and accommodation to those who had been transferred from Manus and Nauru for medical reasons, leaving them homelessness and destitute. Then, just a few months later, we learnt the government was cutting basic status resolution support service (SRSS) payments. We also saw the closure of Manus Island detention centre, the abandonment of the men previously held there and the increasingly limited pathways for resettlement for refugees and people seeking asylum from the Asia Pacific region, including the Rohingya in Bangladesh and those stranded in Indonesia. While these situations are dire, it is inspiring to see the sector work hand in hand to respond, as well as to witness the flood of support for JRS both in terms of advocacy and financially.

JRS Australia was active in advocacy efforts this year, attempting to link national, regional and international initiatives, given our position as an international organisation, working locally. A key area of JRS Australia's work has been our work with the Asia Pacific region, and our involvement in the Global Compact for Refugees and the Global Compact for Migration, both historic landmarks in the arenas of migration and asylum.

This year we secured funding through the City of Parramatta Council and Cumberland Council Stronger Communities grant for our joint employment program with House of Welcome, to support people seeking asylum to secure work and to establish relationships with local employers. We also launched our pioneering programme for women seeking asylum who are at risk, or are survivors of sexual and gender based violence. Another exciting development was the beginning of the bookends project with the Australian Jesuit Province, bringing together the concerns for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people seeking asylum that have been affected by the bookends of Australian history.

Funding continues being a major challenge for JRS Australia. As the situation on the ground becomes more testing for people seeking asylum, we are in need of even more resources. We are incredibly grateful to our funders and supporters this year and assure them that their generous contributions are making a huge difference to the people we serve.

I would also like to pay tribute to Graham Fear, our committed board member who sadly passed away at the end of 2017. Graham dedicated many years to support the work of JRS and will be very missed.

Finally, I would like to pay a tribute to our partners, staff, volunteers and board of trustees, particularly to those working on the front line and witnessing daily, the negative effect of government policies on the lives of people seeking asylum. It takes enormous commitment, dedication and love to face these situations, that do not have simple solutions.

Carolina Gottardo
Director, JRS Australia

what JRS is doing to help people seeking asylum



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We work to uphold the rights of people who are in the process of seeking asylum so they can empower themselves and live meaningful and dignified lives in Australia.



We assist families through the asylum process, providing support and information as well as legal assistance through our partners.



We work in situations of greatest need, where people are most vulnerable, where there are gaps in services and where partnerships can be formed to better serve people seeking safety.



We welcome people into our community centre providing a place of welcome and hospitality, running activities such as cooking classes, women's health and pamper days, homework group and men's group.



We lobby and promote the rights of forcibly displaced people, encouraging dignified treatment and fairer asylum processes in Australia and around the world.



We run English classes and teach people the communication tools they need to empower themselves, to understand their rights and meet and form lasting relationships.



We help families seeking asylum find accommodation and provide them with emergency relief payments, providing them with much needed support and safety.



We provide fresh food and essential items to the most vulnerable people seeking asylum in our community through our Foodbank program which operates like a supermarket so people are empowered to choose items they need most, free of charge.

6 a year of achievement

Over 3000* people seeking asylum served by JRS this year.

239 people supported with financial assistance.

87 people assisted with work readiness and employment support through our new 'Empowered to Work program'.

96 people assisted with accommodation support

80 legal clinics run at Arrupe Place in partnership with Refugee Advice and Casework Service (RACS). 1863 people have attended these sessions.

281 English classes were held.

900 people had access to fresh food and essential items through our foodbank.

43 Cooking Together meals shared.

72 amazing volunteers donated their time in 2017 to ensure our work could continue.

Every minute, more than 24 people are forcibly displaced. Only 0.0002%... of these people are resettled in Australia per year.

**People seeking asylum includes single adults, couples and families with children*

Year at a glance



January 2017

TAFE fee waiver for refugees and people seeking asylum came into effect



March 2017

Stronger Communities Funding from the City of Parramatta Council for Empowered to Work (run with House of Welcome and Cumberland Council funding)



March 2017

New JRS Director, Carolina Gottardo, joins the JRS Australia team



August 2017

Fr Tom Smolich SJ, director of JRS International and Fr Bambang Sipayung SJ director of JRS Asia-Pacific visit JRS Australia and Launch of the Parramatta Diocesan Strategy – Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection



September 2017

City of Parramatta Council awards JRS with the Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls Grant



October 2017

New staff members join JRS' team and the asylum and refugee component of the Bookends project with the Jesuit Province of Australia begins.



November 2017

Launch of the NSW Humanitarian Hub a joint project between JRS, House of Welcome, Asylum Seekers Centre and Refugee and Advisory Casework Service (RACS)



An update from the Arrupe Project

This has been yet another challenging year for the people we serve. While we have seen a significant number of people, who arrived in Australia by boat, finally move on to temporary or safe haven enterprise visas after years of waiting, increasingly punitive policies have kept the majority of people we serve stuck in limbo. They can't safely return to their home countries, yet they cannot rebuild their lives here. The day-to-day hopelessness is palpable, yet people somehow find the strength to keep going. In turn, we must find the strength to continue to accompany, serve and advocate for people seeking safety in our communities.

Casework Support and Emergency Relief

The need for casework support, financial and material assistance, and temporary accommodation continues to grow. We are particularly concerned for those who are unable to support themselves and their families while living in the community and who have no other support options as they are now ineligible for government funded Status Resolution Support Service (SRSS) payments and support. As the SRSS eligibility criteria has become stricter, we have supported people who are ineligible for SRSS due to transferring money overseas to relatives in war zones or refugee camps, to those found to be studying

fulltime to improve their English and qualifications in order to work, and to those who are exercising their legal right to appeal through the Federal Court.

People often come to JRS for emergency assistance due to severe health or mental health issues, needing to care for young children or sick family members, as well as experiencing difficulty finding work due to language barriers. The assistance needed is usually short term, but it's essential in ensuring that people seeking asylum are not left homeless and destitute.

Ongoing Support for People Transferred to Australia from Nauru and Manus Island for Medical Treatment

During 2017, some of the people transferred to Australia for urgent medical treatment from offshore detention on Nauru and Manus Island, were unexpectedly released from Community Detention onto Bridging Visas. Men and women who had spent years in detention were told that they had three weeks to find work and move out of government funded housing. They were also issued with six month visas which stated they must return home or return to Nauru or Manus Island. While some welcomed the freedom to live and work in the community, the sudden loss of payments and support put already traumatised and vulnerable people through considerable stress.

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In response to this sudden and urgent need for support, we came together with services from across the sector to ensure every person affected by this policy change, and living in NSW had access to casework support, emergency relief payments and temporary accommodation. While Bridging Visas have been reissued for this group, their futures are still uncertain with the Australian government holding firm that they will never call Australia home.

The Arrupe Place Community Centre

The Arrupe Place Community Centre has been home to our Foodbank, English classes, and a variety of social support programs including, an Arts and Wellbeing Program, Women's Health and Pamper Days, Men's Group, Homework Help and Cooking Together for over two years. This space has become the hub of our activities, but it is also the heart of our welcome and hospitality, a place where people can feel free to come for a cup of tea and a friendly listening ear. Our Community Development Officer and our team of Community Centre based volunteers have worked hard to ensure that the programs are responsive to the needs of the people we serve and are participant-led whenever possible.

Engagement with Schools and the Community

In 2017, JRS reached over 4636 students in 20 schools through talks and awareness raising activities. JRS also reached 2100 community members and parishioners through 24 community information meetings. JRS continued to work with Jesuit schools, Catholic schools, the Sydney Alliance, and the Refugee Council of Australia to raise awareness of the issues faced by people seeking asylum, to tell the stories of people from refugee backgrounds, and to discuss how they can practically help and support the people served by JRS.

This year, JRS also assisted in organising the launch and implementation of follow-up talks and workshops as part of the Parramatta Diocesan Strategy, Walking with Refugees and Seeking Protection. The strategy, initiated by the Most Rev Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, was launched at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Seven Hills on Migrant and Refugee Sunday in August 2017, with Fr Tom Smolich SJ, International Director of Jesuit Refugee Service, as the keynote speaker. A number of school talks and community or parish based "Table Talks", run in



partnership with the Diocese of Parramatta, Sydney Alliance, House of Welcome, St Vincent de Paul, and others, have since been organised.

This year we have also begun work our Bookends Project with the Jesuit Province of Australia. The Bookends Project aims to raise awareness and prompt action right across the Jesuit Province in support of people seeking asylum and refugees. A project officer was recruited and the mapping exercise of all Province's initiatives on refugee and asylum issues commenced and will be further developed next year.

Volunteers

In 2017, we were blessed to have the support of 72 dedicated volunteers and the continued commitment of our two hard working volunteer coordinators. Volunteers are essential to the reception and hospitality at Arrupe Place, the English classes, Foodbank, and social support provided at the Community Centre, as well as to the coordination of the house meetings and maintenance of the Blaiket Shelter.

This year our volunteer coordinators were also involved in the establishment of the Humanitarian Hub project, an online portal where volunteers can register their interest to volunteer across 4 agencies – JRS, House of Welcome, the Asylum Seekers Centre and the Refugee Advice and Casework Service (RACS). Volunteers can then participate in core training modules in order to learn more about the different organisations, working with refugees, and the boundaries and competencies needed. This

project has been an example of effective partnership in between organisations and in between the funders that are jointly supporting the Humanitarian Hub.

Advocacy

Advocacy is a core component of JRS' mission. It's inspired by Jesuit values and Ignatian spirituality; it's grounded in our relationships with forcibly displaced people; and is based on solid evidence and the voices of those with lived experience.

Our advocacy efforts take place at international, regional, national, and local levels. We engage in research, direct lobbying with major decision and policy makers, campaigning and grassroots engagement in local communities, parishes, and schools.

The need for casework support, financial and material assistance, and temporary accommodation continues to grow.



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Photo: John England

During 2017 JRS' advocacy focused on:

People seeking asylum in the Australian community

Advocating for the rights of approximately 30,000 people seeking asylum, refugees on temporary protection visas, and other vulnerable migrants in Australia is a key priority for JRS Australia. We are calling for a reintroduction of permanent protection visas, and a fair process for those who arrive in Australia by any means, including those already living in the community.

In 2017, the government cut key support services, including housing, for people seeking asylum who had been transferred from Manus Island and Nauru on medical grounds. We also dealt with the prospect of cuts to support services for thousands of women, children, and men seeking asylum, some of whom are unable to work because of health issues, pregnancy, or engaging in further study. JRS believes these cuts could result in forced homelessness, destitution, and harm to people seeking asylum.

Global Compacts

The Global Compacts on Refugees (GCR) and Global Compacts on Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration (GCM) are opportunities for us to contribute to the reformation of the global governance agenda on

forced migration in line with human rights and gender responsive principles.

As a member of the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN), we are a key contributor to government, academic, and civil society debates on the GCR and the GCM. Our contributions have focused on the importance of ensuring people seeking asylum and other populations do not fall through the gaps between the Compacts so no one is left behind.

During 2017, we participated in regional and thematic consultations on the GCM and GCR (all supported by the generosity of external funders) including:

- The GCM thematic consultations and Global Forum on Migration and Development in Geneva and Berlin
- The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) consultation on the GCM in Bangkok
- The GCM stocktaking meeting in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in December 2017
- The UNHCR's High Commissioners Dialogue in Geneva focusing on the GCR in Geneva.
- National consultations hosted by the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) on the GCR and the GCM in Melbourne and Sydney.



Regional Protection

Working closely with JRS Asia Pacific and with JRS country offices (particularly with JRS Indonesia) we have developed important joint advocacy initiatives, through meetings with key decision makers. JRS Australia's Director also provided gender equality training to JRS' offices in Bangkok and Mae Hong Son in Thailand. Additionally, as a member of APPRN's steering committee, JRS Australia is an active participant in efforts to seek whole-of-society regional protection solutions in Asia Pacific

JRS Australia is a key actor in APPRN's working groups, including the Women and Girls Working Group that we chair, the Australia-NZ Working Group, and the Regional Protection Working Group, where our Director is the focal point on the GCM.

Detention

We have a long history of advocating for alternatives to detention. JRS Australia is the co-chair of the End Child Detention Coalition (ECDC), a national campaign which aims to legislate the end of child detention in Australia, and has been very active through 2017 in key electorates with marginal seats.

Gender Equality

JRS launched a pilot project, funded by the City of Parramatta Council, to examine the situation of women seeking asylum who are at-risk or who are survivors of sexual and gender based violence (SGBV). Through this project, we interviewed survivors of SGBV as well as service providers from both the asylum and the women's sectors, developing a roundtable with key stakeholders. We will expand this project to prevention, casework and referrals, advocacy and policy change, publishing a research report in 2018.

JRS is also partnering with the Forced Migration Network from the University of New South Wales (UNSW), the Australian National Committee on Refugee Women (ANCORW) and the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN) on a project to monitor the implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) from a gender perspective.

Government Relations, Partnerships, and Other Engagements

As part of our longer-term advocacy strategy, we have been developing links with decision makers across the party system at Federal and State levels, with public service leaders in the Department of Home Affairs (DHA), and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), and with community leaders, including those with lived experience.

We also conducted joint advocacy with the NSW Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (NAPSA), and through established RCOA working groups, including the Asylum Seeker Interagency (ASI) in NSW, and other local networks. We were also an active member of the DHA-NGOs dialogue and a contributor to parliamentary, Senate, and departmental inquiries on a range of issues relating to forced migration and developed a number of submissions during the year.



12 real life stories

Ahmed and Noor's journey to safety with JRS

In the face of persecution, Ahmed, Noor and their three young children were forced to flee South East Asia in search of a new place to call home. Ahmed was the first to arrive in Australia, before Noor and their children followed and the family applied for protection together.

While waiting for his family, Ahmed's visa expired, so, once they had applied for protection, he was granted a bridging visa, but without the right to work. As Noor's application for protection was made before her tourist visa expired, she received a bridging visa with work rights.

Yet somehow, the children didn't receive a bridging visa at all. While their parents were legally allowed to stay, and one parent was allowed to work, the children's tourist visas were about to expire meaning they would be living unlawfully in Australia.

The family were initially referred to JRS as they were in financial hardship and were unable to apply for government-funded Status Resolution Support Service (SRSS) payments. They were ineligible for SRSS because Ahmed had sent money to his family while in Australia, to support them. The family's legal

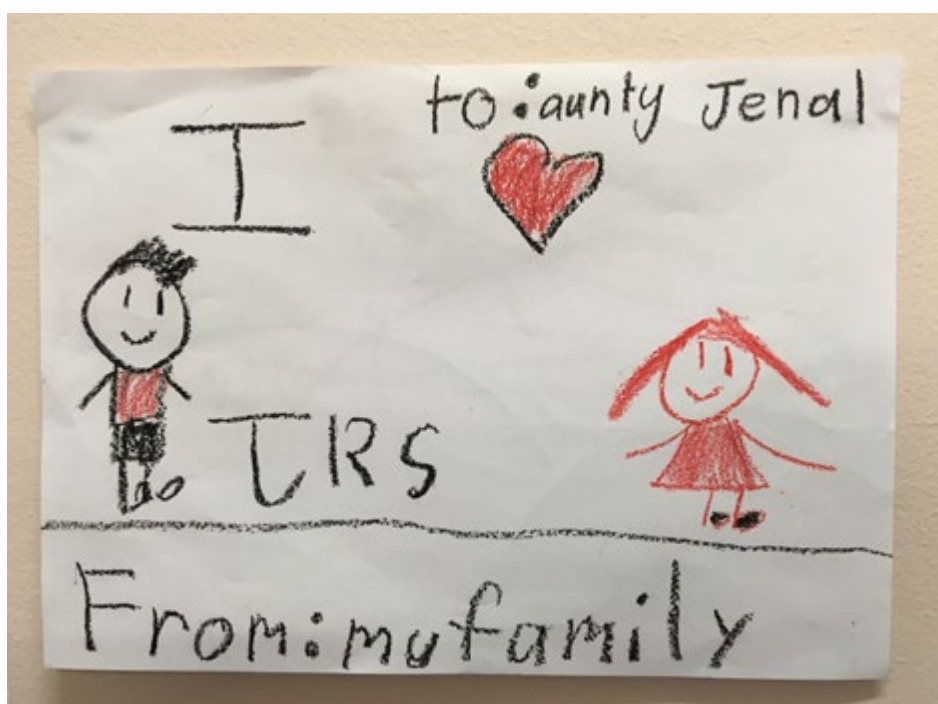
and casework needs were complex and Ahmed and Noor were incredibly worried for their children.

Ahmed and Noor had been told by Immigration it was not unusual for the children to receive their bridging visas separately. Noor was on the phone to Immigration most days without success, they told her she would just have to wait.

JRS contacted Immigration on the family's behalf and Immigration explained that, because the parents were born in different countries, the children were not able to apply for a protection visa without first applying for an intervention from the Minister for Immigration. You would be forgiven for thinking that this is overly complicated, the system is complex enough to navigate even when English is your first language.

Whilst the children were waiting for the Minister to allow them to apply for protection, they could not be granted a bridging visa. This meant they were unable to attend school or have access to Medicare for well over a year.

JRS continued to assist the family to advocate with Immigration regarding the children's bridging visas and also helped Ahmed to apply for the right to work to support his family. While the family waited, JRS provided financial assistance for two months until Noor got a job to support the family.



After a year of waiting, the children were finally allowed to apply for protection and were granted bridging visas. JRS staff were privileged to receive hand drawn thank you notes and photos of the children who started 2018 school year with huge smiles on their faces!



Junghee decided to do one thing: volunteer to teach English to people seeking asylum

Meet Junghee, a woman who is equipping people seeking asylum with the English skills they need to help begin their life in Australia.

“When I first heard about volunteering with JRS to help people seeking asylum I thought: what a fantastic cause. These people have had to leave everything they know behind and need all the help we can give them.”

Junghee, who has teaching qualifications, volunteers at the JRS Arrupe Place Drop in centre at Parramatta one day a week, teaching small group and one-on-one English lessons to the people JRS serves, free of charge.

“In my classes I aim to teach my students language skills that they can take away to help them out in the real world,” said Junghee. “And even though I only spend a few hours a week volunteering, it’s time I value and believe is very well spent.”

Junghee’s main goal is to improve the literacy of people seeking asylum so they are comfortable enough to begin living a meaningful life in Australia. Basic language skills are important for those actively seeking employment, those looking to further their education or simply to help them navigate the complex new world they have found themselves in, dealing with Immigration, Medicare, schools and other institutions.

Simply put, language means opportunities. It gives people seeking asylum a way to connect with others, make new friendships and empowers them so they can begin to feel they are part of the Australian community.

“The first thing I do when someone comes to my class is to make sure they feel welcome and then things happen naturally from there,” said Junghee. “When people feel welcome and comfortable, it brings out the potential in each individual.”

And this is a great lesson for the government and indeed, the broader Australian community to take note of. A country like Australia, ripe with diversity; with people from different backgrounds, experiences, and ways of thinking has the potential to be rich in culture, knowledge and skills. But it takes work to create an environment where everyone thrives and Junghee is an individual committed to this idea and one who is making a real difference to the lives of people seeking asylum.

“Teaching English to people seeking asylum has made me realise many of the things we take for granted. There are so many things we are able to do in Australia that are not possible in other parts of the world.”

And what would Junghee say to someone thinking about volunteering with JRS?

“I would make use of the Australian saying, ‘give it a go’. I think if they tried it, they would find it as rewarding as I do.”

14 acknowledgements

Firstly, JRS would like to thank our passionate and dedicated team of staff and volunteers. Working together this amazing group of individuals are the embodiment of Jesuit core values, acting as both the face and the beating heart of our organisation. Not only are they responsible for the smooth and efficient running of our organisation day-to-day, but more importantly, are the reason the people we serve feel welcome, safe and part of a community as soon as they walk through the doors of JRS. We are grateful for our specialised casework team who provide friendly and professional support every day, and who are walking with people seeking asylum through incredibly tough times. We thank you all and acknowledge that without you, we could not continue our important work.

Secondly, JRS would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our donors, supporters, grant providers and partners. Your meaningful contributions allow us to continue providing critical services and assistance to those most vulnerable in our community, as well as advocate for change. We are honoured that you value the people we serve as much as we do.

As we do not receive regular government funding and provide all of our much-needed services free of charge, it is essential we have the support of individuals, corporations, philanthropic organisations and community groups like you so we can continue changing the lives of people seeking safety in Australia.

We would like to thank the following grant providers for your incredible support:

- CAGES Foundation
- City of Parramatta Council Capacity Building Grants
- City of Parramatta Prevention of Violence Against Women Grant
- City of Parramatta Council Stronger Communities Fund
- Department of Social Services (DSS) Grant (through Australian Red Cross)
- Hogan Family Foundation
- Jesuit Province of Australia
- Magnolia Foundation
- Noel and Carmel O'Brien Foundation
- Parramatta Club Grants
- Sisters of Charity Foundation
- Sisters of the Good Samaritan Foundation

JRS would also like to extend a warm thank you to our remarkable partners who work alongside us tirelessly to provide hope and practical assistance to people seeking asylum:

- Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN)
- Australian Red Cross
- Baker & McKenzie
- Carroll & O'Dea
- D'Ambra Murphy Lawyers
- End Child Detention Coalition (ECDC)
- Forced Migration Network, University of New South Wales
- Good Shepherd Microfinance
- House of Welcome
- Information & Cultural Exchange
- Jesuit Mission
- Jesuit Province of Australia
- JRS Asia Pacific

- JRS Indonesia
- JRS Thailand
- Life Without Barriers
- Marist 180
- Mums 4 Refugees
- Newman College
- OPSM – OneSight
- Our Lady of Mercy College
- Our Lady of the Way Parish
- Parramatta Catholic Education Office
- Refugee and Casework Support Service (RACS)
- Refugee Council of Australia
- Settlement Services International (SSI)
- STARTTS
- St Aloysius College
- St Canice's Parish
- St Ignatius Riverview
- St Vincent de Paul Society
- Sydney Alliance
- The Asylum Seekers Centre
- The Diocese of Parramatta
- The Cardoner Project
- The City of Parramatta Council
- The Institute Sisters of Mercy Australia and PNG
- The Islamic Council of Victoria
- The Reginald Murphy Centre
- The Sisters of Charity
- The Sisters of Mercy Parramatta
- The Sisters of the Good Samaritan
- Training for Change
- Xavier Social Justice Network

We are truly blessed to have such a magnificent group of people helping us to continue our mission to advocate, accompany and serve people seeking asylum now and into the future.

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 December 2017

Revenue		1,245,249
Fundraising events	7,000	
Donations	776,705	
Project funding	71,375	
Grants	387,273	
Other income	2,896	
Expenses		1,348,972
Staffing expenses	295,315	
Administrative expenses	132,442	
Depreciation expenses	14,850	
Fundraising expenses	2,328	
Travel expenses	31,259	
Direct projects costs	872,778	
Results from operating activities		-103,723
Financial income		7,612
Financial costs		-2,035
Net interest income		5,577
Deficit for the period		-98,146
Other comprehensive income		-
Total comprehensive loss		-98,146



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