

2025 marks 30 years of Micah Projects



1993

Young Mothers for Young Women is established. It is the first support service for young parenting mothers & the beginning of Micah Projects' family support program.

1994

A steering committee is formed to establish **Project Micah**. Foundation members are from St Mary's Community.

Micah Inner-City Services (MICs) begins at St Mary's House.

CASS becomes 6 night /7 day service.

Micah Projects supports Forgotten Australians in preparing a submission for a **Senate Inquiry**.

Historical Abuse Network (HAN) established.

Roberta, Michelle and Geraldine (**ROMIGA**), move into their home.

Community Linking Program (now **Resident Support Program**) begins supporting people living in boarding houses and privately owned hostels.

2001



2003 sees the inaugural **Moonlight Magic Dinner Dance**, now the event of the year in Brisbane's social calendar.

Millennium Arts Homeless Project on people sleeping rough at Kurilpa Point.

More than Just a Roof: a study of family homelessness with a consortium of social justice organisations. 83 people housed.

Emerging practice: **Housing First**.

2003

Homelessness Hub opened by BHSC with co-located partners including Murri Watch, Centre Care SWBCOP & Brisbane Boarders.

Charter for Redress presented by **HAN**.

Micah Projects Homelessness Services is formed to build integrated responses to addressing homelessness.

Micah Projects provides input in the **Senate Select Committee on Mental Health**.

Roundtable for families held.

2005

H2H Family Homelessness National Demonstration Project Evaluation is released.

Family Inclusion Network Roundtable held and **FINSEQ** established to advocate for family rights.

Mater Health Services provides post-natal services for young parenting families within the **YMYW program**.

Redress Scheme for people who experienced abuse and neglect in Queensland institutions and out-of-home care as children. After 8 years of advocacy by **HAN**.

Butterfly Place established in West End Uniting Church precinct.

2007

2002

Homeless & Housing Fund established with support from St Mary's Community.

Opening of **Esther Centre**: a drop-in centre for people who experienced abuse as children in out-of-home care.

Campbell's Club starts: an integral part of Micah Projects' **Resident Support Program**.

Collaboration between **YMYW** and the **Brisbane Domestic Violence Resource Centre** on the impact of DV on young women and families.

Memorandum of Understanding with **Brisbane Council of Elders** signed.

2004

Southside Homelessness Action Network (SHAN) report on gaps in services on Brisbane's southside.

Premier Peter Beattie visits the residents of Tent City with **Micah Inner City Services**.

'**Child**' statue installed in Roma Street Forum as a memorial for children who endured abuse in out-of-home care.

2006

Tent City to Tenancy partnership houses people living in tents in South Brisbane.

Mater Health Services locates a **Clinical Nurse** at the BHSC.

Cross-cultural training introduced for all Micah Projects' staff with Indigenous Trainer Tom Kirk.

Continuum of services expanded through enhanced funding:

Street to Home (formerly MICs).

H2H Family Homelessness National Demonstration Project.

Early Intervention Consortium for Homelessness (REACH).

2008

Riverside Drive to Home project houses 58 chronically homeless people living rough along the Brisbane River, West End.

Which way Home? white paper on homelessness reconfigures programs in Australia and leads to the **National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH)**.

After 2 years of community consultation **Project Micah Inc** is formed as a not-for-profit incorporated association.

1995

1997

Community consultation undertaken in response to a request from Disability Services to house and support women with severe disability. Individual support packages taken up leading to the development of **ROMIGA** and the **Social Inclusion Program**.

Esther Trust is formed to support ex-residents from Queensland church and state-run institutions.

Pilot program undertaken to support people in inner-city boarding houses.

Forde Inquiry announced by Hon Anna Bligh MP. Project Micah supports people to submit and present to the Inquiry.

Queensland Apology to people abused in Queensland Institutions during their childhood.

1999

1996

First **Christmas Hampers** for families. Now an annual event.

1998

Community Access & Support Service (CASS): the first outreach van to people sleeping rough and intoxicated on the streets.

Funding is received from **Department of Justice Victims of Crime program** to support people abused in institutions as children.

First government funding for **Project Esther** (est. 1994).

2000

YMYW Drop-in Day begins

Project Micah officially changes name to **Micah Projects Inc**.



During the **2011 Brisbane Flood**, Micah Projects assists at Brisbane RNA evacuation centre, and provides post-flood support and advocacy.

National Apology to Forgotten Australians and Child Migrants by Prime Minister, Hon Kevin Rudd MP. People are supported to go to Canberra for the event.

Early childhood response, **Caterpillar Place** established in West End Uniting Church precinct.

Micah Projects moves from St Mary's House to Boundary Street, West End.

2009

The Hive commences social support and inclusion services to Home and Community Care eligible people in South Brisbane.

Tzu Chi Foundation, Brisbane and Micah Projects commence **dental fairs** for families experiencing disadvantage.

2011

Micah Projects becomes a member of the **Partners in Recovery** consortium (Metro South) to support people with mental illness, especially those who are homeless.

BCG Nurse Integration program begins in partnership with Mater Health Services and St Vincent's Private Hospital, Brisbane.

Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) is adopted. RAP Committee supports annual events such as Close the Gap and Sorry Day.

2013

Homeless to Home Healthcare Partnership Strategy.

Parents as Teachers early intervention program.

Supporting people to engage with the **Royal Commission** into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

YMYW celebrates 20 year anniversary.

The Hive program, at Brisbane Common Ground.

From the Ground Up, Micah Projects & Common Ground Qld.

Original artwork for Lotus Place.

2015

2010

International Partnerships:
Community Solutions NY for 50 Lives 50 Homes.

Housing Innovations
Supportive training Housing & evaluation.

National Partnerships:
Street to Home: enhanced funding: 20 hrs/day, 365 days a year.
Partner in establishing **Common Ground Queensland**, the first supportive housing company in Queensland.

Brisbane Common Ground (BCG) Interim Outreach Services.

50 Lives 50 Homes campaign is initiated using the Vulnerability Index tool.

2012

BCG building is completed. Micah Projects' on-site services commence.

Partnership between Common Ground Qld and SNM Security.

Homelessness and Health Roundtable with Dr Jim O'Connell (Healthcare for the Homeless, Boston).

H2H After Hours Nurses partnership between Mater Health Services & Micah Projects is funded by Greater Metro South Brisbane Medicare Local.

Brisbane Domestic Violence Service contract is transferred from DVRC. Open tender 2014.

Australian Government **Find & Connect** services commence (Lotus Place).

2014

BHSC is closed as a centre & becomes the **Brisbane Homelessness Service Collaborative**.

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Lotus Place opens in Townsville & Rockhampton.

St Vincent's Private Hospital & Micah Projects **Pathways pilot project on hospital admission & discharge**.

Inclusive Health Partnerships Memorandum of Understanding is signed.

In 2014, the **500 Lives 500 Homes** campaign uses the VI-SPDAT in **Registry Week**: a Collective Impact project across Greater Brisbane

Brisbane City Council **Mobile Healthcare for the Homeless**.

Department of Education and Training, **Skilling Queenslanders for Work**.

Early Intervention for Young Pregnant, Parenting Women, Children and their Families.

Occasional Care at **Wellspring Early Childhood Hub**.

Inclusive Health and wellness Hub, opened in partnership with Tzu Chi Buddhist Foundation.

The Hive: Social Inclusion.

Partners in Recovery.

2017

2020–21 **COVID-19** response across teams and partnerships.

Brisbane and Logan Zero supported by Ellen Whitty Trust.

Integration of **Brisbane Region High Risk Team**.

Keeping Families Together first Supportive Housing for Families.

2019

NDIS Community Connector Program.

Supportive Housing: Keeping Families Together pilot.

Property purchased at Hawthorne to provide services for **Wellspring Children and Families Hub** through a Hand Heart Pocket donation.

2021

YMYW social enterprise.

Aged Care Navigators at **Lotus Place** to support Forgotten Australian cohort.

Footprints re-established.

Mobile Health Van and outreach nurse, donated by Queen's Wharf workforce.

Policy Leaders' Roundtable: **Family Support as Early Intervention with Vulnerable Families** event.

Brisbane Zero campaign.

The First 2000 Days. Family and perinatal pathways for re-shaping the future.

Blueprint Model of Care for the Clinical Nurse Partnerships Domestic Violence Project.

2023

Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred response across all services.

Opened new **Wellspring Women and Girls' Health Hub**, Caboolture, funded by Queensland Health.

Social Work in General Practice pilot at Inclusive Health Hub.

Expanded **Lotus Services**, supporting sexual violence and child sexual abuse.

Family Connections pilot

Opened new **Women and Children's Hub**, Hawthorne.

DFV Specialists embedded in police stations.

2025

Brisbane Common Ground building is completed in 2012

2016

Wellspring sites opened in Inala and Zillmere.

BDVS Safer Lives 24/7 Mobile Service.



In 2017, **Inclusive Health and Wellness Hub** opens.

2018

Boarding House Blues pilot program.

Established **The Hive** team through Home and Community Care Funding.

Wellspring Hub, Caboolture Hospital.

Pathways Hospital Admission and Discharge.

Brisbane Alliance to End Homelessness.

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Project (First Round).

Renovation of the first floor of 28 Malcolm St completed.

2020

COVID-19 response. **Staying Connected** films produced.



2022

Keeping Families Together Evaluation, University of Queensland.

Circus in a Teacup commences, a Vulcana Circus production.

United Artists Project.

Young Parents 2Gen Project.

2022 **Brisbane Floods** crisis support.

2024

Wellspring Children and Families Hub: The First 2000 Days, advocacy and programs.

Family Inclusion Network SEQ established.

Reconvened **H2H Healthcare Network**.

Launch of 2024 **strategic roadmap: Breaking Down the Silos: Creating Sustainable Change**.

GOA Community Partnership, **Press Pause** campaign.

Supportive Housing Roundtable.