

As we reflect back on the 2023–2024 financial year, we are filled with immense pride and gratitude for the extraordinary achievements we have accomplished together. This year has been a testament to the unwavering dedication our staff, volunteers, supporters, stakeholders and each of the participants in our programs, as we strive towards our vision of wellbeing, independence and opportunity for everyone.

Our relentless belief in people’s potential has driven us to expand our reach and enhance our services, resulting in significant positive impacts on the lives of those we serve.

The opening of SYC’s new Education & Training Hub will support hundreds of additional students and trainees throughout Adelaide’s northern suburbs, as will the newly awarded Skills for Education and Employment program in regional South Australia.

Our Employment Services team have embraced new innovations in service design and delivery and engaged in active advocacy efforts in a sector undergoing reform. We’ve also welcomed a new team to SYC, as we commenced delivering Australian Apprenticeship Support Services, enabling us to make a lasting impact by helping new apprentices and trainees from diverse backgrounds begin and maintain their careers.

We are also very pleased to see our Tenancy Advice and Advocacy Services was expanded with additional funding, and a broadening of the service to include financial counselling. We’ve progressed plans to construct more affordable homes in 2025, helping alleviate the housing crisis for those most at risk, in addition to building Specialised Disability Accommodation.

The Foundry has continued to provide a safe and welcoming space and see positive engagement from young people in the community, while our Community Justice programs have also continuously provided meaningful opportunities and support to our clients, culminating in being awarded the Community Partnerships Award by the Department for Correctional Services.

The impact achieved at SYC is also certainly underscored by the resilience and dedication of our Therapeutic Care team, who have continued to work tirelessly to support children and young people in our care and ensure they have the resources and guidance needed to thrive.

This success has been fuelled by our incredible team of dedicated staff, volunteers, and students, and the power of collaboration. Their passion, insight, and kindness enrich our services and support for our clients in countless ways.

This year, we have forged strong partnerships to deliver the best possible services. With employers,

government, and community, our network has continued to grow from grassroots to national levels, facilitating more opportunities for our clients. Our corporate partnerships have brought people together and have transformed spaces into welcoming environments, exemplifying the impact of working together towards a common goal.

Our understanding of societal issues has deepened through the year, with continuing initiatives like the Data Snapshot from SYC’s RentRight SA service, which highlights the challenges faced by tenants in the South Australian rental market. This work informs our advocacy efforts and strengthens our resolve to provide more safe and affordable housing for the community.

The success of our participants is at the heart of why we exist, and this purpose has been evident in the inspiring stories of those we serve. The passion, dedication and resilience we see in those engaged in our services fuels us to walk alongside them, encouraging and supporting them as they move forward toward achieving their goals. We would like to congratulate everyone who has reached new milestones on their individual journey and commend them for their hard work and commitment.

In our 66th year of operation, our dedication to keeping people at the centre of our service design and delivery remains steadfast. We extend our deepest gratitude to our remarkable team, dedicated volunteers, invaluable partners, and the entire SYC community for their unwavering commitment to our vision. Thank you for being part of our journey and for your continued support in creating a brighter future for all.



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