



Alex, Suicide.

1 down, 31,999 to go.



Jenny, Sex Worker.

2 down, 31,998 to go.



Ashley, Assistant Grocer.

3 down, 31,997 to go.



Lauren, Charged with Assault.

4 down, 31,996 to go.



Leticia, Trainee Mechanic.

5 down, 31,995 to go.



Paul, Drug Overdose.
6 down. 31,994 to go.

32,000 Australians younger than 24 have nowhere to sleep tonight, let alone somewhere to call home.

You're right. It's both unbelievable and unacceptable. And yet, it's uncomfortably true.

How every single one of these young people became homeless is as shocking and disturbing as the next. Some were abandoned. Some neglected. Some were abused, threatened or beaten so brutally they were too scared to stay at home.

And now, isolated and vulnerable, there is no knowing what tomorrow will bring, because for some of them there may be no tomorrow.

What happens to each of the 32,000 young people while they're living on the streets can be as complicated and painful as how they arrived there.

Some may end up in jail. Some may fall into prostitution or become imprisoned by drug addiction. Some may become victims of violent crime. Some may commit suicide. But every life could go another way.

With the right support, some manage to find their way to a brighter future. And like you, no doubt, we believe this is what every single young Australian deserves. But it can't happen without intervention.

It takes the efforts of many dedicated and determined individuals to help every young person. So to help 32,000 young individuals will take many hundreds of thousands of people like you.

With your support, services like the Oasis Youth Support Network will be more able to help each young person take their first steps towards finding a reason to live, achieving a sense of self worth and embracing their place in the world.

With the help of the community as a whole, some will gain employment, raise their own children in a way far removed from their own upbringing and live a life beyond homelessness and despair.

We encourage you to do what you can. Inform yourself. Make this an issue. Call your radio station. Write to your local MP and let them know how much this situation matters to you. Volunteer. Give what you can give. Simply acknowledge the next homeless young person you see.

But please, today, make a personal commitment to do something. Because for thousands of young Australians this really is a matter of life and death.

And either way, what you do will affect the outcome.

To take action and show your support, visit 32000togo.com.au now.

Note: The number of homeless people aged between 12 and 24 is 32,444 according to the 2006 Australian Bureau of Statistics' Counting the Homeless report. Experts agree that this number has increased significantly due to the current economic climate.





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