**THE 2024** 

VINNIES

CEO SLEEPOUT

A Life-changing night out

In just one night, you can help care for thousands of Aussies facing homelessness.



St Vincent de Paul Society



# THANK YOU FOR STEPPING UP TO SUPPORT AUSTRALIANS IN NEED THIS WINTER.

Everyone deserves a safe place to sleep each night — and your participation this year will help make that happen. By taking part in the 2024 Vinnies CEO Sleepout, you'll be helping Australians get back on track.



We look forward to you joining us online on Thursday 20th June. Let's make this a record-breaking year, so that every single person who comes to us for help gets the care they need.

Let's do it for them.



Lucy Hohnen
CEO
St Vincent de Paul Society
Canberra/Goulburn

## A very different KIND OF NIGHT OUT



#### **TUNE IN ONLINE**

The Vinnies CEO Sleepout brings people together from all over the state. There's a scheduled program and the opportunity for you to connect with other business leaders online as well as those at the physical events.

There'll be more details about how to join coming soon.



#### STAY IN TO SLEEPOUT

Sleeping in the backyard? You might want to go as simple as lying on a flat piece of cardboard, which is the only mattress that far too many people can afford. If the family is joining your sleepout, you're welcome to pitch a tent to keep your little ones warm and dry. You can also choose to sleepout in your car or on your couch.



#### **MENU**

You'll be in charge of your own food and drink on the night.

In the spirit of the event, keep it simple – prepare yourself a bread roll, water, instant tea and a cup of soup.



#### **DISCOVER YOUR IMPACT**

Throughout the night via the livestream, you'll find out about homelessness in Australia and how your generosity is helping helping to break the cycle.

There will be guest speakers and opportunities for you to ask questions!



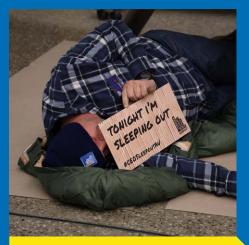
#### **HEAR FIRST-HAND STORIES**

Aussies who've lived through the harsh reality of homelessness will share their stories. Find out just how easy it is to slip through the cracks... and discover how it can all turn around thanks to your life-changing support.



#### **CONNECT & SHARE ONLINE**

People want to see you following through with your commitment to sleep out! Make sure to take pictures, share your reflections, and tag your posts with #CEOSleepoutAU so we can all check out each other's experiences!



#### **BUNKER DOWN**

Settle into your sleeping bag for a small taste of sleeping rough. Once the official proceedings are over, you're on your own. Sleeping without the comforts of home is tough, we won't hide from that. But it's amazing what an impact the night will have on you.



#### THE MORNING AFTER

Unlike other nights out, the morning after is an ideal time to reflect on your experience. Share your thoughts with donors and supporters online, and don't forget to put the call out for the last round of donations, too. It's a wrap... until next year, that is!



Pate: Time: Email:

Phone: Website:

Thursday 20th June
Livestream time to be confirmed
canberra@ceosleepout.org.au

02 6234 7347

www.ceosleepout.org.au

Refer to your dashboard for event information updates.

### TO RAISE MORE FUNDS THAN ANYONE EXPECTED!

1 GET PERSONAL

Upload a profile picture and write a short bio on your online fundraising page. Pages with the personal touches tend to attract a lot more donations – plus it's an opportunity to let everyone know why you are sleeping out.

### KICKSTART THINGS... YOURSELF

Making a generous, early self-donation is a wonderful way to set the tone for your fundraising... it shows you're not mucking around! It will encourage your colleagues and connections to donate more themselves.

### 3 SHARING IS CARIN

Make sure you share your personal fundraising page link around on every available platform. LinkedIn, Facebook, X and Instagram, as well as email and text.

People need reminding so don't worry about asking more than once!



#### ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE

Take a minute to compile a list of everyone you know who might be keen to support Australians experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

The more people you ask, the more donations you'll get!

### **5** GET YOUR STAFF INVOLVED

Build excitement and interest by holding or delegating a fundraising event! It can be anything – raffle an annual leave day, trivia night, or a ticketed morning tea. Your creativity determines what's possible!

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#### SAY THANKS

The single best way to make your supporters feel appreciated – and even to give again - is to say thank you. For every donation, say thank you in person or give a shoutout on social media! Social media shoutouts also remind prospective donors.



### MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR RESOURCES

Our online resources page has fundraising tips and tools, with event ideas, pre-written emails, social tiles, email footers and more. Head to your dashboard or www.ceosleepout.org.au/resources to download your fundraising resources.

I'M YOUR EVENT MANAGER:





Feel free to reach out on phone or email if you'd like to chat through anything fundraising – I'm always here to help!

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Power Nappers are fundraisers who go above-and-beyond to help people experiencing homelessness.

If you've committed to be a Power Napper, thank you! If you haven't, all you have to do is set your fundraising target to \$8,000 for the 2024 Vinnies CEO Sleepout.

When you do, you'll receive the benefits below:



Recognition on your dashboard and fundraising page



**Recognition on leaderboard** 



**Exclusive resources** 



Recognition on the night



Vinnies CEO Sleepout eye mask



#### **DEEP SLEEPER CLUB**

The Deep Sleeper Club is a group of our most committed fundraisers, who are passionate about doing all they can to help end homelessness and support those experiencing it or at risk. It starts with a big commitment from you – and it ends with a truly significant fundraising impact.

To join the Deep Sleeper Club, commit to raising \$16,000 at the 2024 Vinnies CEO Sleepout.

Joining the Club is as simple as making the commitment today. We'll be there every step of the way to support you on your ambitious fundraising journey. If you've already to committed to The Deep Sleeper Club, that's incredible. Thank you!

#### **BENEFITS OF JOINING THE DEEP SLEEPER CLUB:**



Recognition on your dashboard and fundraising page



Recognition on the leaderboard



Recognition on the night



Exclusive fundraising resources to help you reach your target



Vinnies CEO Sleepout eye mask



Deep Sleeper Club duffle bag

(when you reach your target by 20 June)



Acknowledgement in our annual report



A behind the scenes tour of Vinnies services

### WHEN YOU RAISE FUNDS...

### YOU CHANGE LIVES FOR

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\$75



can provide clothing for a child in need

\$182



can help give a parent and child a bed for the night

\$505



can help with providing a safe haven for those escaping domestic violence

\$1,200



can provide urgent relief from bills for a family, so they can keep the lights on and the debt collector at bay

\$2,000



can cover overdue rental payments for a family, so they can stay in their homes

\$10,000



will give 40 families a \$250 store card, so they can buy food and essentials at the supermarket

\$24,000



will provide urgent relief from bills for 20 families, so they can put their money towards rent



Thank you for joining with other top business leaders and CEOs to take on the Vinnies CEO Sleepout!

The power of your Sleepout is limitless

— every dollar you raise can help
break the cycle of homelessness.





### FROM THE FOUNDER

Since 2006, together, we've been building a tradition — you and I and every other Aussie leader who's given up one night to raise some money and awareness for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness through the Vinnies CEO Sleepout.

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I believe that working with leaders is a great way to make a bigger impact.

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When I conceived the event, I wanted to make a difference for those experiencing homelessness. Thank you for being one of those CEOs who care.

The Vinnies CEO Sleepout allows us to say thank you to the Vinnies staff and volunteers for their great work as they help those in our community that are most in need.

Good luck for the Vinnies CEO Sleepout in 2024. It's a privilege to wish you well, and I look forward to seeing the results of another record-breaking year.

#### **Bernie Fehon OAM**

Vinnies CEO Sleepout Founder

