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DONATION IMPACT REPORT

GIVING BACK TO BUILD BRIGHTER FUTURES (2010-2025)

PROUD TO STAND BESIDE INCLUSIVE KIDS



INSPECTOR JASON OVERLAND

Patron, Inclusive Kids:

As Patron of the Inclusive Kids Fund, I am constantly reminded of the extraordinary power of community. Each initiative we support is more than just a program, it is a lifeline, offering young people opportunities, support and hope when they need it most.

What makes me proud to be associated with this fund is its unwavering commitment to the belief that every child, regardless of circumstance, deserves the chance to thrive. Inclusive Kids does not shy away from the difficult work; it steps into the gap where others can't or won't, ensuring that children and young people facing disadvantage are not left behind.

Throughout 2025, I have witnessed the tangible outcomes of this commitment, meals provided to children who would otherwise go without, access to sport and education for those who couldn't afford it and targeted programs that help young people build resilience and connection. These are not just statistics; they are real lives, changed for the better.

The fund is built on the generosity of people and organisations across the Sunshine Coast and beyond, proving that when we work together, we can create lasting change. I am honoured to be Patron because it allows me to stand shoulder to shoulder with those who believe that a community's strength is measured by how it supports its most vulnerable members.

Inclusive Kids is a shining example of compassion in action. I am proud to lend my voice to its cause and I look forward to continuing to support its mission of building brighter futures, one child at a time.



TONY PIGNATA

Managing Director, IFYS/Inclusive Kids:

As I reflect on the past 15 years of Inclusive Kids, I am deeply moved by the unwavering support of our community. What began as a vision to ensure that every child and young person feels included has grown into a movement powered by kindness, generosity and belief in a better future for our young people.

Inclusive Kids exists because of you, our families, businesses, volunteers and everyday champions who give their time, resources and hearts to ensure no child is left behind. Together, we have created opportunities for young people to belong, to thrive and to experience the simple joys of community life that many of us take for granted.



Inclusion is more than just a word; it is the foundation of a strong and compassionate society. When a child is given the chance to play sport, attend school with lunch in their bag, or simply feel valued and accepted, the ripple effect is life changing. These small moments of belonging build confidence, resilience and hope.

Over the years, I have seen firsthand how inclusion transforms lives. It reminds me that every child deserves the right to grow up knowing they matter. That is the heart of Inclusive Kids and why your support has meant so much.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you. Thank you for standing with us, for investing in the next generation and for believing that together we can create a community where every child and young person has the chance to shine.

A WORD FROM OUR PANEL MEMBERS



HELEN BRAFIELD

Inclusive Kids Panel Member

"Being a panel member enables me to see exactly where donated money is going and how it will positively impact the well being of a child or young person. I find that immensely satisfying."



CLINT LOVELL

Inclusive Kids Panel Member

"I believe that every child deserves to grow up loved, safe and free from disadvantage. It's this ethos that has kept Inclusive Kids operating for over 15 years. I am proud of the help Inclusive Kids provides our children and young people doing it tough in the Sunshine Coast and Moreton Bay communities, I am able to see firsthand, the positive impact these grants have on our kids."

GIVING BACK TO BUILD BRIGHTER FUTURES (2010-2025)

\$1.485M
Given Back

Since 2010, Inclusive Kids has proudly given back a remarkable **\$1,485,881.22** back into our local community to support children and young people facing disadvantage, hardship and vulnerability. Through the generous support of individuals, businesses and community partnerships, these funds have made a direct and lasting difference across a wide range of essential programs and services.



EDUCATION

(Back to School Program)

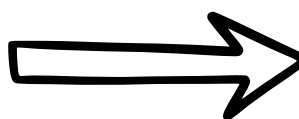
\$333,362

The largest share of funds has gone toward helping children return to school equipped and confident. Through this program, thousands of students have received uniforms, stationery, books and backpacks, giving every child the chance to learn, grow and thrive alongside their peers.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

\$272,249

Funding has helped create inclusive spaces and community initiatives that empower families, build resilience and foster a sense of belonging. From grassroots programs to targeted family interventions this investment supports a stronger, more connected community.



See Lily's story on pages 8-9



DISABILITY

\$177,889

Children and young people living with a disability have been supported through access to programs, mobility equipment, tailored education services and inclusion opportunities—ensuring every child has a voice and a place.

KIDS IN CARE

\$190,000

We've proudly supported children and young people in out-of-home care with access to experiences, essential items and wraparound supports that help build self-worth, identity and hope.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

\$119,156

Providing safe, stable and supported housing solutions for vulnerable young people has been a critical investment. These funds have helped prevent homelessness and promote independence.

FOOD PROGRAM

\$72,000

Nutritious meals fuel learning and development. These funds have supported school-based food initiatives and the IFYS community kitchens (Urban Angels Community Kitchen) ensuring no child goes to school hungry.



See Urban Angels on pages 12–13

COMMUNICATION & EDUCATIONAL DEVICES

\$129,444

Digital inclusion matters. These funds helped children gain access to laptops, tablets and communication aids, bridging the digital divide for education and connection.

MEDICAL & MENTAL HEALTH CARE

\$51,677

Early intervention and access to mental health care have been critical in supporting the wellbeing of children and young people. This funding ensures kids get help when they need it most.

FAMILY SUPPORT

\$111,110

Families facing crisis have been supported through emergency relief, casework and wraparound services, keeping children safe and families together.

RESPIRE

\$15,000

Funds have allowed for respite services for carers and families, providing crucial relief and reducing stress in high-demand care environments.

INDEPENDENCE

\$13,993

These funds helped young people transition to independence through life skills development, employment support and mentoring opportunities.

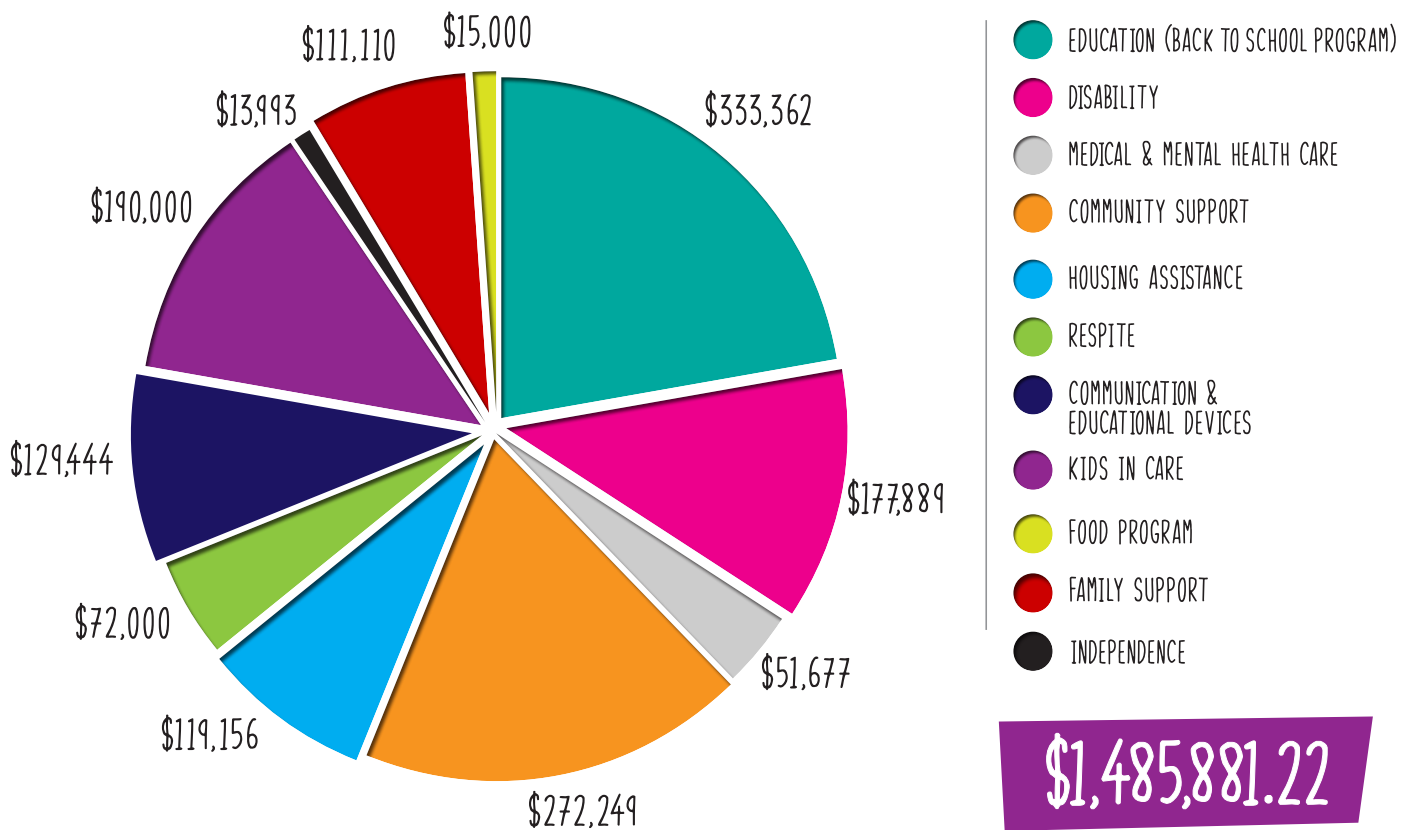


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TOTAL GIVEN BACK
\$1,485,881.22

Behind every dollar is a story of opportunity, care and hope.
This impact was made possible because of the belief that every child,
regardless of circumstance deserves a fair go.

From all of us at Inclusive Kids, thank you for helping us create a more
inclusive, compassionate and resilient community.



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A Place to Belong: How Inclusive Kids Funding Transformed Lily's Life

When eight year old Lily first joined her local after-school art club, she was quiet and withdrawn. Her family had recently relocated after escaping a difficult and violent home environment and Lily struggled to find her place in a new community. That all changed when her school connected her family with a grassroots program supported by Inclusive Kids.

Thanks to funding from Inclusive Kids, the art club was expanded to include creative therapies and social inclusion sessions designed for children like Lily, kids who just needed a safe, welcoming space to express themselves, make friends and rebuild confidence.

'Lily found her voice through paint and clay,' says her mum, Jessica. 'She started coming home excited, showing us her artwork, talking about new friends. For the first time in months, we saw her smile.'

This is the impact of community driven support. Inclusive Kids funding doesn't just deliver programs, it builds belonging. By empowering local initiatives to respond directly to the needs of our communities, the community fund strengthens the fabric that holds families together.

From small group mentoring to resilience workshops and inclusive sports days, the funding creates more than activities, it creates opportunities. Opportunities for children like Lily to feel safe, included and connected.

As Jessica puts it, 'It wasn't just a program. It was the start of healing for our family.'

Inclusive Kids continues to champion a stronger, more connected community, one child, one family, one program at a time.

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Sunshine Coast Lightning Strikes with Heart for Kids Doing it Tough



In a powerful show of community spirit, players and staff from Sunshine Coast Lightning took time out of their busy training schedules recently to support the Fuel for School Program, rolling up their sleeves to pack fruit alongside the team at Inclusive Kids.

In a world where sport is often defined by wins and losses, today's efforts reminded us all that true champions are measured by the difference they make off the court. With bright smiles and even brighter hearts, the Lightning team packed hundreds of bags of fruit destined for Sunshine Coast schoolkids who turn up to school each day without anything in their lunchboxes.

The Fuel for School Program, an initiative of Inclusive Kids, provides vital food support to children across the region who face food insecurity, a silent but deeply felt issue in many local communities. With the help of volunteers and supporters like Sunshine Coast Lightning, the program is able to ensure kids have access to healthy snacks, allowing them to concentrate, learn and thrive in the classroom.

The Lightning players didn't just turn up, they leaned in. From sorting dried apples to chatting with the volunteers, their care and compassion were clear in every action. It was more than a photo opportunity; it was an act of genuine kindness and a reflection of a team culture built on giving back.

Head Coach, Belinda Reynolds, spoke warmly about the importance of community connection, 'We're more than just a team on the court. We live here, we play here, and it's our responsibility to give back to the people who support us. No child should ever have to go without food and if we can help even a little bit, then we're proud to do so.'

Players echoed that sentiment, with Captain, Steph Fretwell, adding, 'It's heartbreaking to think that kids in our own community go hungry. Helping to pack fruit today felt like a small gesture, but we know it makes a big difference.'

According to Inclusive Kids, it sure does. The Fuel for School Program has grown exponentially in the last two years, responding to an increasing demand from local schools. What began as a modest initiative is now supporting hundreds of children each week, and every piece of fruit packed today means one more child has a better chance to learn and grow.

'We live here, we play here, and it's our responsibility to give back to the people who support us.'



Sunshine Coast Lightning Head Coach, Belinda Reynolds



Cara, Reilley, Steph & Mahalia

For the team at Inclusive Kids, Lightning's involvement is about more than just the practical help. It's about hope. 'When the community comes together like this, it sends a powerful message to children doing it tough, that they matter and that people care,' said Tony Pignata, spokesperson and founder of the program.

Today, Sunshine Coast Lightning reminded us all of the power of sport to uplift and inspire, not just with goals, but with heart. And for the kids who'll open their lunchboxes tomorrow to find little to eat, it's a win that truly matters.

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91.9 SEAFM
BIG BREAKFAST
TEAM



ELLY & TAZ

91.9 SEAFM
DRIVE TEAM



PAUL MORTON *Marketing Manager, Inclusive Kids* Celebrating 15 Years!



As Inclusive Kids marks its 15th year, I find myself reflecting not on what we have achieved, but on the extraordinary community that has made it all possible. From the very beginning, Inclusive Kids was born from a simple belief, that every child deserves the chance to feel included, supported and seen.

Over the years, I have been proud to play a small part in this journey, but the true story of Inclusive Kids has never been about one person or one organisation. It has always been about the Sunshine Coast community, the businesses, families, schools, service clubs and individuals who have stepped forward with open hearts and generous hands to help children who are doing it tough.

What has humbled me most is how consistently our community has responded to need. Time and again, when we've shared the stories of young people facing

hardship or exclusion, people have not turned away. Instead, they've leaned in, offering support, raising funds, volunteering time and reminding these kids that they are valued.

The impact of that collective compassion cannot be measured in dollars alone. It is measured in the smiles of children who finally feel like they belong, in the confidence of teenagers who are given the tools to pursue their dreams and in the hope restored to families who know they are not alone.

As we celebrate this milestone, my heart is full of gratitude. Inclusive Kids exists because this community chose to care. Thank you for believing that together, we can change the trajectory of a child's life. Thank you Sunshine Coast.

Inclusive Kids Donation Fuels Urban Angels' Mission to Feed the Community

The spirit of generosity has once again ignited hope on the Sunshine Coast as Inclusive Kids proudly announces a significant donation to Urban Angels Community Kitchen. The much-needed funds were raised through a diverse range of community-led initiatives, including BBQs, fundraising walks, car washes, and the ever-reliable coin box collections strategically placed across local businesses. This heartfelt support highlights the extraordinary impact that small contributions, united by a common cause, can achieve.

Urban Angels Community Kitchen has become a cornerstone for those experiencing food insecurity, providing warm meals and fostering a sense of community for people in need thanks to a \$40,000 donation from Inclusive Kids.

Tony Pignata, Managing Director of IFYS, the parent organisation behind Inclusive Kids, spoke about the incredible effort behind the fundraising. "What makes this donation truly special is that it represents the heart and soul of our community. Every BBQ sausage sizzled, every car washed, and every coin collected shows how deeply the Sunshine Coast cares for its own. Supporting Urban Angels Community Kitchen allows us to directly impact lives and build stronger, more inclusive communities."

Urban Angels has seen a significant increase in demand for their services, with more families relying on their support. The donation will fund vital supplies, expand their food distribution efforts, and provide essential resources to enhance their kitchen's efficiency.

Clint Lovell, a founding panel member of the Inclusive Kids program, expressed his gratitude for the community's unwavering commitment. "This donation is a testament to what we can achieve

when we come together with a shared purpose. Urban Angels Community Kitchen is more than a place where meals are prepared; it's a beacon of hope for those who need it most. Inclusive Kids is proud to stand behind our mission to create inclusion in our community for children and young people and ensure we support the vulnerable. Our donation to Urban Angels will ensure they can continue providing support to children and young people via school through their work with Chappies across the Sunshine Coast."

The funds were accumulated through a variety of grassroots activities, including Inclusive Kids' signature fundraising walks and our annual Footy Lunch that brings people together over food and conversation. Additionally, coin boxes scattered across local cafes, shops, and service stations served as a constant reminder of the power of small, everyday acts of kindness.

Every dollar donated to Inclusive Kids is channelled back into the community, addressing pressing local issues and ensuring that every child and family has a chance to thrive. The partnership with Urban Angels demonstrates this commitment in action.

As Urban Angels continues its work with local schools, the team remains deeply grateful for the community support that fuels their mission. This latest donation is not only a lifeline but also a reminder of the strength found in collective compassion.

"In a world where challenges seem unending, the Sunshine Coast community has proven that generosity and unity can illuminate even the darkest corners. Together, with organisations like Inclusive Kids and Urban Angels, the future looks brighter for everyone." Shares, Urban Angels Community Kitchen Manager, Birgit Sowden.

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Urban Angels Community Kitchen Manager, Birgit Sowden.



L-R Inclusive Kids Panel member, Clint Lovell. Volunteer - Sandra, Kitchen Steward - Michelle Monsour, Volunteers - Alan, Deb and Urban Angels Community Kitchen Manager, Birgit Sowden.

Community Partnerships



Dean and Sharron Stuart have long believed in the power of community and the importance of giving every child an equal opportunity to thrive. That's why they proudly support Inclusive Kids, a local initiative that helps disadvantaged and vulnerable children and young people through tailored programs and support services.

The Stuarts are more than just donors they are passionate advocates. Their support comes through both generous fundraising efforts and ongoing in-kind contributions. From hosting charity events to facilitating connections within the business community, they consistently go above and beyond to ensure Inclusive Kids has the resources it needs to create lasting impact.



Cricks Volkswagen Sunshine Coast

For Dean and Sharron, this cause is deeply personal. 'Every child deserves to feel safe, valued, and supported,' says Sharron. 'Inclusive Kids gives children the opportunity to dream beyond their circumstances – and we're honoured to play a part in that journey.' Dean adds, 'It's not just about giving money. It's about creating real change and being part of something bigger than us.'

Their commitment reflects a belief that strong communities are built when everyone has the chance to succeed. Through their involvement, the Stuarts hope to inspire others to contribute, whether through donations, volunteering, or simply raising awareness.

Dean and Sharron's unwavering support for Inclusive Kids is a testament to their values: compassion, inclusivity, and community responsibility. Their efforts continue to open doors for children who might otherwise be left behind – making a lasting difference, one life at a time.



Nick and Lara Tadic, integrity-driven owners of ARB Maroochydore, have become passionate champions of Inclusive Kids and they are ensuring every child has a fair go, regardless of their background. With over 10 years of experience in 4WDing, camping and touring, their connection to community runs deep

Through their partnership with Kicks for Kids, Nick and Lara have helped ensure resources reach underprivileged children across the Sunshine Coast. ARB Maroochydore has provided both financial and logistical backing, making charity walks, raffles and camping gear donations possible.

In creative fundraising efforts such as pig races and community football lunch fundraisers, the Tadics play



4X4 ACCESSORIES MAROOCHYDORE

key roles in sponsoring and promoting these events. These fun days not only gather families and the wider community but also direct all proceeds to Inclusive Kids' "Fuel for School" a local program, supporting food security and inclusion for kids facing hardship.

Nick and Lara also partner in charity runs and endurance events supporting Inclusive Kids' 30 km "Kick for Kids Walk" across the coast, alongside groups like 91.9 Sea FM teams. Their ARB branded teams energize participants and galvanize public support, turning personal achievement into real outcomes like shoes, school lunches, and sports packs.

Thanks to ARB Maroochydore's leadership under Nick and Lara's guidance, Inclusive Kids is able to deliver sports equipment, healthy lunches, shoes and inclusive experiences to hundreds of children annually. Whether through a laugh filled pig race, a midday footy fundraiser, or a charity run, their commitment *ensures every kid matters and can belong.*

Multiple World Records to support Inclusion



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Supporting Inclusive Kids through the Guinness World Record attempts – the 24 Hour Mow, Hoops for Hope, and Catch for Kids, has been one of the most rewarding experiences I've been part of. Each of these events combined a sense of fun and challenge with a deeply important purpose: raising funds to support children and young people on the Sunshine Coast who, through no fault of their own, face disadvantage.

I was drawn to Inclusive Kids because their mission is tangible, local and immediate. They're not just talking about making a difference they're doing it, right here in our own community. Whether it's providing food for a child who would otherwise go without lunch, supporting educational opportunities, or giving kids the chance to take part in sport and community life, their work has a direct impact.

For Inclusive Kids the 24 Hour Mow was a perfect example of endurance and community spirit, turning an ordinary act into something extraordinary. Hoops for Hope brought people together in a fun, high-energy environment, showing that even a basketball can be a tool for change and Catch for Kids was pure spectacle, an event that captured imaginations and drew attention to the cause in a truly memorable way. Catching an NFL ball travelling at 100 KMPH thrown from a helicopter is no mean feat but Steve Hirst successfully caught it and broke a world record in the process.

Supporting these events wasn't just about breaking records – it was about breaking cycles. Every dollar raised goes towards giving kids the same opportunities many of us take for granted. I believe that when we invest in our children, we invest in the future of our community.

Inclusive Kids has shown that creativity, determination and compassion can inspire people to rally around a cause. I'm proud to have played a part in their journey and will continue to stand beside them in their mission to ensure no child is left behind.

Steve Hirst

Alex Rotary Helps Turn Vision into Reality for Inclusive Kids' Fuel for School Program



When it comes to making a tangible difference in the lives of children, the Alex Rotary Club has shown what community spirit can achieve. Through the funds raised at their much-loved Winter Solstice Swim, the club has played a pivotal role in helping Inclusive Kids operationalise its Fuel for School program.

Fuel for School ensures that children who arrive at school without lunch are provided with healthy snacks giving them the energy and focus they need to learn. Thanks to Alex Rotary's support, the program was able to establish dedicated packing facilities and create a fully functioning system to deliver food directly to schools across the Sunshine Coast.

Club member John Malloy said the cause resonated deeply with members. 'We know that a child can't

Rotary Alexandra Headland



concentrate or reach their potential if they're hungry. For us, the Winter Solstice Swim was more than just a fun event—it was a way to make sure no child starts the school day without the basics.'

The funds raised went beyond providing food. They enabled the setup of an efficient packing room, equipped with refrigeration, storage and preparation space, allowing volunteers to pack hundreds of snack items each week.

'Seeing the Fuel for School program move from concept to reality was incredibly rewarding,' John added. 'It's proof that when the community comes together, real change happens.'

Inclusive Kids panel praised the Rotary Club's contribution as 'the crucial kick-start' that made it possible to move from idea to action, noting that the partnership has had an immediate and ongoing impact on children's wellbeing and educational engagement.

The partnership between Alex Rotary and Inclusive Kids is a shining example of how local fundraising can create lasting change, one lunchbox at a time.

A COMMUNITY



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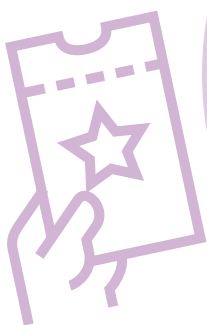


HOW WE'VE BEEN RAISING FUNDS

RADIO PROMOTIONS!



RACE NIGHT!



WORLD RECORD ATTEMPTS!



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ONLINE
RAFFLES!

COFFEE VAN!



COIN BOXES



MOVIE
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