

How you can help

Donate

Other than using the secure online engine <https://www.givenow.com.au/sccc> there are two ways to donate to Downs & West Community Support (DWCS):

1. Forward your cheque or money order, payable to 'Downs & West Community Support' to:
PO Box 6613
Mitchelton QLD 4053
2. Make a direct deposit to our bank account:
Bank: Westpac
Branch: Potts Point NSW
BSB: 032-032
Acc No: 38-3436
Acc Name: Sisters of Charity Community Care Limited – Downs & West Community Support
Reference: Your Surname

Fundraise

To fundraise to support DWCS, please register at:
www.downsandwestcommunitysupport.org/event-registration-form/

Volunteer

Volunteers are an integral and meaningful part of DWCS, providing a range of support services to people on the Downs, the Lockyer Valley, the Burnett and south-west Queensland. Register at: www.downsandwestcommunitysupport.org/become-a-volunteer/

Learn more and join us

Our objectives are:

1. To raise awareness of the impact of climatic conditions on families living on the land and in small rural towns among those living in the city
2. To seek practical support and action from those who are in a position to share resources
3. To work in collaboration with rural organisations in an effort to reach more people in need
4. To utilise the appropriate referral systems of other organisations who offer assistance in counselling, financial advice and government funding applications
5. To provide pastoral and emotional support for people on the land and in small rural towns
6. To raise funds for essential provisions for those suffering the impact of climatic changes and other matters beyond their control
7. To organise gatherings for farming families and those in rural and remote communities

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Help bring hope to rural and remote communities

With your tax-deductible gift to Downs & West Community Support, you can:

- Help people like Charlie to find their way and rebuild their life
- Help mothers like Evelyn who are forced to raise their children alone
- Help children to participate in all educational opportunities



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Your compassion could help to keep adults and children connected in rural and remote communities.

When we experience tough times, we have a tendency to stay at home believing we can save what little money we have. We catch up on work needing to be done on the farm, and the kids are withdrawn from the education system, school camps and programs.

Loss of farming means a loss of identity to farming families. It is also their source of income, which puts immense financial burdens on their shoulders and can eventually push them into a cycle of depression.

With the increased level of rural-to-urban migration, the small population in rural areas are deprived of social support and interaction. The lack of infrastructure and telecommunications further increases social isolation.



Help people like Charlie living with a mental illness

Your donation could help people like Charlie prepare, respond to and recover from disasters, such as drought and floods that took all his possessions — but not his love of life.

Charlie has lived on the land all his life, and is proud to be walking in the footsteps of his ancestors. He says, *"It's in my blood, it's more than work, it's my home, it's where my wife and I raised our children. My heart is here!"*

Experiencing harsh climatic conditions makes life difficult. It's vital to cull livestock and buy feed when in drought. When the floods and cyclones arrive, they damage crops and wash away fences, topsoil, stock and machinery. Farmers are left deprived of their main source of living. In extremely stressful conditions many think about suicide or develop other mental health issues.



Help mothers like Evelyn who are forced to raise their children alone

Your support could help give mothers the strength to move forward with confidence.

Evelyn and her husband were dedicated farmers and loved the idea of raising their three children in the country. The couple were delighted when the doctor told them they were expecting another child in five months!

This excitement was short lived when tragedy struck. Evelyn's husband died following an accident. While grieving the loss of her husband, Evelyn and her three children prepared to welcome a little sister or brother.

Evelyn has little choice but to stay on and fulfil her dream and the promise to her husband of raising their children in the country.