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LEISA TOOMEY HELPS THE HOMELESS THIS WINTER

When her successful family law practice turned two this year Leisa Toomey decided to make a donation to Sunny Street - and it's making a difference.

Experienced family lawyer Leisa Toomey knows only too well that life can take unexpected turns which can see a person's life change overnight often through no fault of their own, and by supporting Sunny Street she is committed to helping others in need.

"During my many years as a family lawyer and children's advocate I have seen some really heartbreaking situations and, with the current housing crisis we are experiencing, there are many people who are really doing it tough – often through no fault of their own.

"I have been watching the incredible, selfless work that the Sunny Street team have been doing and wanted to do something to help. So, instead of giving gifts, at a small gathering we had to celebrate our second anniversary, I decided to make a donation to Sunny Street on behalf of everyone who came along.

"Everyone really loved the idea, and I am pleased to be able to present Sunny Street with \$2,500 that will help fund the wonderful work they are doing.

"But there is more we can do which is why, for the month of July, our office will be a collection point for canned and packaged non-perishable food that can be dropped off at our reception we will ensure it is delivered to the Sunny Street Maroochydore Clinic so that those living rough can at least leave the clinic with some food for that night or the next day," Ms Toomey said.

Sunny Street Co-Founder and Director of Nursing, Sonia Martin said, "I am beyond proud to see how our work is really resonating with so many business leaders who want to help and make a difference.

"Having a business leader like Leisa Toomey support our work and then make an ongoing commitment to be a part of the Sunny Street family is imperative to spreading the word about what we do while also helping to raise funds so that we can continue to help those experiencing homelessness.

"Our outreach clinic at Maroochydore is stocked with all sorts of items that someone may need, but cannot afford while living rough, which includes everything from sanitary items to canned soup or even a toothbrush. People can take what they need and often it's these small acts of kindness that helps make a vulnerable person face another cold night on the street or in their car," Ms Martin said.



Donations of non-perishable food and other day-to-day items can be dropped off directly at the Sunny Street Clinic or to Toomey Family Law at 6 Hancock Street, Mooloolaba.

About Sunny Street

Sunny Street is a mobile medical outreach service designed specifically for those who are experiencing homelessness and vulnerability and have barriers accessing health care. This can be one of the most trying and confronting times for someone in this situation.

Through supportive conversations, Sunny Street provides non-judgmental holistic support to their patients. They aim to break down the barriers to accessing health care and empower individuals to make informed choices about their health and well-being. They drive sustainable change by educating and involving our community and patients in service design to ensure they are delivering responsive and respectful health care.

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