

Media Release
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Help Wayside take the winter chill off the streets

Today, the Wayside Chapel launched its *2009 Wayside Winter Appeal*, hoping to raise in excess of \$100,000.

Each year, the Wayside Chapel assists thousands of people to gain equitable access to essential health, welfare and housing services. During the cold winter months from June to September, the number of people visiting is at its peak.

Pastor of the Wayside Chapel, Rev. Graham Long said winter is a terrible time for the homeless who face night after night of cold temperatures with inadequate clothing and little warmth.

"We want to be able to provide the unconditional love, care and support for people on and around the streets of Kings Cross and we need your support to do it. With only 23 per cent of our income coming from Government sources we rely heavily on the local community, business community and individuals who so generously support us.

"Day after day we see new cases of homelessness. Recently, a 16 year old girl ended up on our doorstep after running away from her family. We were able to provide her with clothes, breakfast and even better, a return ticket to her family – just one of the success stories of our Youth Services program at the Wayside.

"With your donations we want to continue to be the safe pair of hands for the many we see everyday," Rev. Long said.

To donate and be part of the *2009 Wayside Winter Appeal*, visit the website www.thewaysidechapel.com or call Katrina Mathieson at the Wayside Chapel on 02 9358 5582.

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The Wayside Chapel has provided unconditional love, care and support for people on and around the streets of Kings Cross since 1964. Each year, thousands of people visit Wayside for assistance in gaining equitable access to essential health, welfare and related services. The Wayside Chapel is well known for its Youth program and Day to Day Living programs.