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Bright Futures is an Australian based Christian aid and development agency committed to providing a transparent and effective means for Australians to contribute to the sustainable alleviation of poverty.

Bright Futures works in partnership with established development agencies in developing countries in providing vital education and development programs which address the causes of poverty and offer the prospect of a better life.



Code of Conduct



India: Nourishing young minds



The Child Care centre run by Bright Futures partner, Bangalore City Mission (BCM), exists to create opportunity for children in the poorest communities to receive education and care in an environment of safety. The Centre was established to prevent children being taken into the dangerous granite quarries where their parents labour in the most extreme working conditions. Danger is ever present. Rock falls, moving trucks and thick dust lead to frequent injuries and illness. Over the last 8 years more than 2,200 pre-schoolers have been kept safe in an engaging learning environment. It's just the start these children need and prepares them for a life-changing education.

My gift to give hope

- Please receive my gift of \$_____ to help children, families and communities living in poverty.
- I would like to make a regular monthly donation of \$_____ *Please indicate preferred area:*
 - Please use where most needed
 - Womens' Empowerment - KENYA / INDIA / PAKISTAN
 - Childrens' Education – INDIA / KENYA / UGANDA / PAKISTAN
 - Medical Care & Birthing Services - UGANDA
- I would like to sponsor a child (or ___ children) at \$42 per month each. Please indicate: Girl / Boy

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Bright Futures Australia - Overseas Aid Fund, PO Box 3071 Rundle Mall SA 5000



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Online: Go to www.brightfutures.com.au - donation link

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New Beginnings in Remote Places

It takes courage to take the first step, but that's exactly what these brave young women in Pakistan are doing. For girls with little education or training there is a great risk of being drawn into domestic service where the risk of abuse and exploitation is high. So, it is with great excitement that after nearly two years of planning, Bright Futures, together with our partner group in Pakistan, have opened a new vocational training centre in the village of Youngson Abad. The first 20 trainees, nervous but full of hope, have commenced. The centre, which has been renovated and equipped for the purpose, is opposite the village school at which Bright Futures supports 250 students, of which 60% are girls!

'We are learning many things to earn a living and change the future for our children.'

Trainee

"Faith is taking the first step even if you can't see the whole staircase."

Martin Luther King

Welcome Jack!



Sarah Spiker
Chair



Jack Snelling
CEO

In announcing the appointment of Jack Snelling to the new role of CEO at Bright Futures, Chairperson, Sarah Spiker said, 'The role aligns so well to Jack's strong commitment to those in need and his desire to live out his faith in role with great purpose. Jack is widely known and respected through his former public roles as SA Minister for Health and State Treasurer, and he brings many skills to the position.' Paul Madden, a founder and honorary Executive Officer for the past 17 years, will continue to be actively involved with a focus on volunteers and resources. Paul says, 'It's time for the next big step for Bright Futures and I am excited by all that the future holds under Jack's capable leadership.'

A Word from Jack



Pic: Jack & Lucia Snelling & family

Bright Futures has always inspired me with its work to improve the lives of the most disadvantaged people in the world.

I remember a Bright Futures breakfast event some years ago and hearing about the work of Bright Futures partner, Bangalore City Mission, bringing children out of rock quarries and giving them an education and a future. With young children of my own, I was particularly moved by this heroic work.

It is such an honour to be appointed the first CEO of Bright Futures, working with the amazing Paul Madden and our dedicated Board. Next week I will be travelling to meet our partners in Uganda and Kenya with visits to India and Pakistan to follow shortly after. I can't wait to share all I learn about how our partners have been going over the last few years when it hasn't been possible for us to visit because of Covid.

Thank you for your generous support without which Bright Futures could not continue. The next year will be an exciting time as we work together to continue to build on all that's been achieved.

Jack

Kenya: Dorcas Creation Empowerment Centre – a dream within reach!

“When I started Dorcas Creation in my own home in 2006 with nothing but a dream to help women who were poor and powerless, I could not have imagined how many thousands of women, families and young people we would be able to help break free of poverty and helplessness, but with God’s help it has been possible,” says Jane Thuo, founder and director of Bright Futures partner group in Kenya. “When Bright Futures met us ten years ago, we were just crawling but with their partnership and encouragement we are walking and an empowerment centre from which to further expand our work is becoming a reality.”



Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of three families, the \$130,000 required to build the centre has been raised. We will now focus on raising \$20,000 to equip the new centre. This purpose-built centre for training, empowerment and disability programs will also serve as a base for savings & self-help groups, youth programs and urban farming training. It will be built on land purchased by Bright Futures in 2020 and constructed using shipping container modules - an increasingly popular and cost-effective construction method.

Project visits to take off in 2023! 🚀

We believe that there is no substitute for first-hand experience and now that the world is on the move again there is opportunity for small numbers of Bright Futures supporters to visit projects to see how their help is bringing hope and opportunity to others. To find out more or to register your interest please email

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Welcome Event & Africa Update

You are warmly invited to a short and casual evening event to meet our new CEO, Jack Snelling, and to hear an update on the projects in Kenya & Uganda following Jack’s visit. There will even be a light supper to enjoy among friends.

When: 7.30-9.00pm, Thursday, 14 July 2022

Where: Inparrila Meeting Space @ The Wyatt Trust, 161 Frome Street, Adelaide

RSVP: invitations@brightfutures.com.au

Northern Uganda: Lukodi Health Centre Expansion Project ... it's happening!

Building works are well and truly underway to convert a former school facility into an expanded Lukodi Health Centre incorporating paediatric and adult wards, laboratory, maternity and medical treatment areas. In 2016, Bright Futures, together partner group the Bishop Onono-Onweng Foundation (BOOF), established the centre in this formerly war-torn area where many people died of preventable disease. In 2018 a maternity wing equipped with solar powered vaccine storage was added. Now, with the expansion, much more will be able to be done to improve local health outcomes.



Thanks to funds raised through the Sandy Running Festival, and the generosity of donors, the centre is on track for completion soon. Bright Futures Chair, Sarah Spiker and CEO, Jack Snelling will be visiting the project in mid-June.

Snippets ✂️

Nawiri Mama Evaluation



In partnership with Torrens University, an evaluation of the Nawiri Mama (Flourishing Mother) program is underway. This excellent program of Dorcas Creation Kenya has equipped 200 mothers of disabled children with basic physiotherapy skills enable them to assist the development of their children.

Sandy Running Festival 2022



Pic: 35km runners at Hallett Cove start

The second Sandy Running Festival event raising funds to support vital healthcare programs for mothers and babies in South Sudan and Uganda saw 140 runners/walkers, ranging in age from 10-86 years, participate over distances of 5km, 10km, 35km & 68km. Together, the events have now raised \$28,000! The 2023 event is on Saturday, 1 April so make sure you mark it in your diary!

'SASSY' Project – Governor's Leadership Foundation - Youth

A team of emerging leaders participating in the Governor's Leadership Foundation program are partnering with Bright Futures on a 'period poverty' project to raise awareness on how lack of access to hygiene products limits girls' education. Funds raised through the project operates at two levels with training and paid work for women in the Nairobi slums in making hygiene products and secondly by distributing products to girls in Kenyan schools to enable them to maintain education.