



Baptist Care SA provides care and support to young people aged between five and 18, who require care away from their families or who arrive in Australia without a legal guardian.

Our residential home care is provided around the clock by trained supportive staff who create safe, nurturing and secure home environments for children to live and grow up.

Many of these young people have disabilities and mental health challenges, requiring therapeutic support and ongoing care to lead a happy, healthy life.

By journeying alongside these young people, Baptist Care SA helps to build their confidence, resilience and capabilities.

Yesterday we had a successful outing to an indoor play centre with Oscar*. This is a huge achievement for him. He had an absolute blast and his eyes lit up the minute we walked inside.

Darren* played the Didjeridu in the end of term assembly, today where he was awarded for his outstanding engagement and work in the Nunga studies program.

Pray for Oscar so that he can feel a sense of belonging and love.

Pray for Darren so that he can feel strength and care.

**Not their real names*

Prayers for Children in Care.

Baptist Care SA walks alongside some of our community's most vulnerable people.

Please join us in praying for their wellbeing.

In 2022, the number of children and young people in SA needing out of home care arrangements reached 4,500.

Pray for children in out of home care to be safe, respected and well cared for by adults they can build trusting relationships with. Pray for each individual child whose journey has led them to be in residential 'out of home' care, that they would experience emotional healing and strength for the challenges they face.

On 31 May 2022, there were 1660 South Australian children in foster care.

Pray for children in foster care to experience a feeling of belonging and wellbeing in their foster family, to have their needs met and to experience emotional healing.

Pray for endurance and strength for foster parents in SA as they invite children into their families.

Pray for Baptist Care SA staff, that they would have the wisdom, heart and skills to build genuine connections, respond with empathy and support, and be refreshed in their efforts as they care for children and young people in residential care.

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving.

Baptist Care SA's Family Mental Health team engage with at risk families to reduce the number of children entering state care.

Praise God for the opportunity that Baptist Care SA has to work with families at risk. Pray for the Family Mental Health staff, that they will have wisdom and capacity to assist and support families to remain living together in a safe and caring environment that prioritises the needs of children.

Baptist Care SA delivers the Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minors Program by organising residential care and support services to minors arriving in Australia without a legal guardian. These children are supported until they are 18 and ready to move out into the world with new skills and independence.

Thank God that he has provided support for children who arrive in Australia without parents. Pray that the children entrusted to the care of Baptist Care SA feel safe and welcome and are successfully supported to transition independently into the world when they turn 18.

Several young people living in Baptist Care SA residential houses are part of a group informing the Department of Child Protection's service provision. It's a chance for them to provide feedback and have their say.

Praise God that young people with lived experience have a voice and an opportunity to be part of the change process for others. Pray for them to feel heard and for God to use their experiences for their good and His purposes.

