

Why Mirabel needs support

It's difficult to overstate the importance of the Mirabel Foundation's work



For 25 years, we've been there. Mirabel assists children who are in the care of their extended family because they have been orphaned or abandoned due to their parents' drug addiction. We've provided non-judgemental support and tangible help to thousands of vulnerable families across Victoria and NSW.

We support these, the Mirabel children, and also their kinship carers, in any way we can. Our aim is to break the cycle. There is a difficult road, born from trauma and loss, and so our programs are focused on assisting these children to have the most normal childhood possible.

We currently support more than **1,100 families** and new children are referred to Mirabel each week. Our goal is to never turn a child away. In the last year alone, we've seen over **700 young people** attend our various programs; from educational tutoring and emotional support groups to the fun camps, excursions and gatherings that introduce them to other children like them.

More than 1,600 carers also came to us for assistance in the last year. We provided help, advice and referrals to external services. We delivered financial aid in crisis or hosted our regular carer groups, where they can realise they're not alone and hear potential solutions to common issues.

“ Hi Lucy, Anna was so excited to tell me all about yesterday's girls' group. She went to bed smiling and slept through. She has been crying herself to sleep most nights since her mother committed suicide in November. She couldn't believe that there were other girls like her. Thank you. ”

Olivia

How can you help?

Mirabel can't do what we do without a broad community of support. If you'd like to help, here are some ways:

In-kind donations

Our families are often financially stressed, so support in the way of vouchers, tickets or opportunities for unique experiences are treasured. Unfortunately, it is difficult for us to accept large volumes of physical goods requiring storage or shipping.

Minor donations

You might think it's not much, but trust us, even the smallest donation makes a difference to what we can offer our families. One-off donations or regular debits are both brilliant.

Major donations

If you, or somebody you know, has a trust, foundation, bequest, or company looking to provide larger support, please let us know. This is what really powers Mirabel's work.

Offer your space

We're always looking for new places to run our events. If you have or know of a great space for a camp, or a fun park looking to help children in need, or even something left field, please get in touch.

Volunteer your time

It is critical to our programs to have a volunteer workforce, whether helping at our children's events or organising a small fundraiser in your office. You can meaningfully help and be part of our amazing community.

If you can help in any of these ways, we'd love to hear from you:

Call us on 03 9527 9422 or email mirabel@mirabelfoundation.org.au