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Can you help the Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS) get Chuffed?

The Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS) are excited to launch their Crowd Funding campaign with Chuffed: <https://chuffed.org/project/dvcs-upgrade/>

“We hosted our Gala Ball last month to raise awareness and funds to boost our Young People’s Outreach Program (YPOP) and our Support Groups. We also received a 10% increase to our core funding from the ACT Government. But because we want to be totally transparent with all our supporters, we’ve launched this campaign to fund some maintenance and improvements we need around our two offices” says Executive Director, Mirjana Wilson.

YPOP is staffed by three people who spend one on one time with children aged 5 to 13 who have experienced domestic violence, either personally or as a witness. Workers meet fortnightly, or sometimes weekly with the children. In addition, DVCS host a picnic or fun day each school holidays as an opportunity for children of the program to get together and for the mothers to meet other mothers in similar situations.

Ms Wilson said “At the moment our services are stretched, so we are investing all our money into our crisis work, Young People’s Outreach program, Support Groups and our secure emergency accommodation. Because of this we have little to spend in relation to our office maintenance and other things that organisations take for granted.

We are in desperate need of a new heating/air-conditioning system. At the moment we operate with one main system that should really be three systems of the same size. Our main system operates over the area our crisis workers answer crisis calls. It is almost impossible for our workers to hear the caller properly while the system is in operation, due to the system trying so hard to do its job. The system is just not big enough for the area. This system also leaks water and is temperamental. Simply, it is an old system that is past its use by date.”

“We also need a new kitchen installed. As we are a 24/7 organisation it is important that we have a safe and user friendly kitchen. At the moment we don’t have enough space, some cupboards are broken, we have an unused cook top, and we rely on a kettle to boil water, amongst other things. I would imagine our kitchen is used more than a kitchen in the average home.”

DVCS is hoping businesses and individuals can assist in making their working environment a better one. DVCS believes a better working environment for all employees will assist in their ongoing provision of crisis intervention to our clients. There are branding/marketing opportunities for donations of \$500 to \$2,000.

DVCS hope to raise \$30,000 over a 90 day period. The campaign closes on Tuesday 1 September.

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