



CREATING LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT FINALIST IN WORLDWIDE PHYSICS COMPETITION

One of our Creating Leaders Scholarship students, Maria José Sarmento, was part of a team of 6 students from the Portuguese School of Dili that entered a worldwide competition for high school students. The competition was sponsored by the renowned European Centre for Particle Physics (CERN), located in Geneva, Switzerland.

The students, named "Team Lorosae", studied research from the world's largest particle accelerator, the LHC (Large Hadron Collider) and from this created a proposal entitled "Discovering the Bragg peak in water". The proposal detailed how they would test their experimental ideas, intended to contribute to the studies of radiation in eliminating the effects of cancerous growths.

Lorosae Team was among the 29 finalists from a total of 151 teams from 37 countries, having been awarded the mention of high praise – "status highly commended".

As finalists, the team received an invitation to carry out a study visit to CERN. Thanks to the generosity of two individual Members of the Order of Malta, Maria José was able to travel to Switzerland with her team.

Creating Leaders is an Order of Malta scholarship program in Timor-Leste. Like many developing countries, Timor-Leste has high levels of poverty and low national human development. Education is an important vehicle to employment, independence, social and political empowerment and consequently, national development. However, a cycle of poverty often creates barriers to the children's participation in education.

The Scholarship supports underprivileged children, like Maria José, to participate in formal continuing education.



More about the Creating Leaders Scholarship program:

- * Only children from disadvantaged situations are eligible for scholarships .
- * Children who are nominated must demonstrate academic promise and enthusiasm for their studies
- * The children who are awarded scholarships are taught that it comes with a responsibility of "service to those they can help", according to the fundamental ethos of the Order of Malta.
- * The scholarship provides not only the payment of school fees, but other assistance and support to help overcome barriers that might prevent the children's participation in education eg. transport, meals, uniforms
- * Currently there are 15 children in Timor-Leste involved in the program



Sponsoring a Child in the Creating Leaders Scholarship Program costs \$70 a month.

If you would like to make a donation in support of this project please do so using the donation coupon on page 5



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JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER

IN THIS ISSUE - PROJECT UPDATES NEW INITIATIVES EVENT PICTURES



As reported in our February newsletter, in early 2017 Gorman House became a medicalised detoxification unit that is fully funded by NSW Health . The value and need for this service was recognised after over 10 years of commitment and support from Order of Malta NSW Branch volunteers and donors raising over \$1.8million to ensure the doors remained open 24/7, 365 days a year, to Sydney's addicted seeking help, since funding for the unit was cut back in 2006.

The Order of Malta NSW Branch's commitment to Gorman House still continues, with volunteers attending weekly barbeques to provide support and camaraderie to patients.

For most of the patients, their time at Gorman House is only the beginning to their recovery as many suffer from mental health and other medical issues.

Whilst Gorman House helps them withdraw from their dependencies in a safe and supportive environment, when they leave the unit there is still a desperate need for further mental health treatment to prevent relapse and allow them to move forward with their lives.

However, services Nationwide for mental health patients are often under-funded, over-burdened and largely insufficient for the demands placed on them.

To address the challenges of improving the health outcomes for mental health patients in our Community, St Vincent's Hospital, in conjunction with the Order of Malta's NSW Branch, has the opportunity to provide a 12 bed residential treatment facility for mental health patients. This service will promote early intervention to reduce acute admissions, provide rehabilitation care with medical supervision and encourage participation in community life, which is important for recovery.

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Please consider a donation to The Order of Malta Prevention and Recovery Centre. Donations can be made using the coupon on page 5.



Gorman House is now a fully funded medical detoxification Unit

...CONTINUED THE ORDER OF MALTA PREVENTION AND RECOVERY CENTRE

The Order of Malta Prevention and Recovery Centre will be a "step-up and step-down" support service.

This transitional care service will support mental health patients needing either a "step up" from their place of residence or a "step down" from an inpatient unit. It will also ensure services for Homeless people are included in the model.

The Order of Malta Prevention and Recovery Centre will provide much needed mental health services that are currently lacking.

Already \$1 million has been committed by a donor to enable the Centre to be established.

The NSW Branch of the Order of Malta

has committed to fundraise an upfront contribution of \$600,000 by the end of the year, and then an ongoing contribution of \$100,000 per annum for the next 9 years towards the set-up and operations costs.

"The Order of Malta Prevention and Recovery Centre is an ambitious but desperately needed initiative" explained NSW Branch Chairman, David Hall AM. *"Like Gorman House, I am confident that in the years to come the services at The Order of Malta Prevention and Recovery Centre, will be recognised as an essential and invaluable facility, providing services to some of the most vulnerable people in our community. However again we must turn to our supporters for help."*

Notre Dame, Fremantle by sponsoring prizes for Award for Best Student in Philosophical Studies in Medicine and Award for Best Student in Ethical Studies in Medicine.

Member of the Order, His Honour Kevin Hammond AO presented the awards for best student in Philosophical Studies to Tess Hooper and the best student in Ethical Studies, Gary Avital.



Dr Robert Costa presenting the Certificate to Imogen Mosher, Award Winning Student



Dr Robert Costa, Ms Sally Robertson, Imogen Mosher and Dr Stephen Quain



Member of the Order, His Hon. Kevin Hammond AO presenting The Order Of Malta Prize to The Best Student in Philosophical Studies, Tess Hooper



Member of the Order, His Hon. Kevin Hammond AO presenting The Order Of Malta Prize to The Best Student in Ethical Studies, Gary Avital



Left to right: Catherine Costa, Dr Robert Costa, Ms Sally Robertson - Acting Dean of the School of Nursing, Award winning student - Imogen Mosher, Professor Margot Kearns - Pro Vice Chancellor Academic, University of Notre Dame, Sydney, Dr Stephen Quain.



COATS FOR THE HOMELESS 2017 DISTRIBUTION NETWORK

Coats for the Homeless are currently being distributed around the country. Thanks to everyone who has supported this project. At the time of printing, confirmed distribution locations are:

ACT

- * St Vincent De Paul

NSW

- * Care Van Community Outreach, Sydney CBD and Parramatta
- * Order of Malta member distribution
- * Salvation Army, Auburn
- * Lou's Place, Potts Point
- * Maronites on Mission Harris Park
- * St Pius Primary School
- * All Hallows Parish - Five Dock Mini Vinnies

- * St Vincent de Paul (Wollongong, Hornsby, Hawkesbury, Narramine, Dubbo, Liverpool, Ballina, Freshwater, Wilcannia Forbes)
- * Teresa House, Surry Hills
- * Mission Australia
- * Mathew Talbot House, Woolloomooloo
- * Gorman House, Darlinghurst
- * Tierney House, Darlinghurst
- * Anglicare Moss Vale
- * St Nicholas of Myra (Penrith)
- * Youth Off The Streets
- * Catholic Care Western Sydney
- * Catholic Care Social Services Springwood

SA

- * The Adelaide Day Centre
- * Hutt Street Centre (Daughters of Charity)
- * Saint Vincent de Paul, metro area and country areas
- * Knights of the Southern Cross, Port Pirie, Port Augusta, Whyalla
- * The Catholic Prison Chaplain in Port Augusta
- * The Catholic Parish of Port Lincoln

TAS

- * Passionists in Hobart (CBD)
- * St Vincent de Paul, Launceston (via mobile soup kitchens)
- * Order of Malta Member distribution

VIC

- Distributed by 29 Members of the Order of Malta in Victoria and volunteers from Newman College, ACU and Mannix College, at the following locations:
- * St Vincent de Paul food van, St Kilda
 - * St Vincent de Paul food van, Melbourne CBD
 - * St Vincent de Paul food van, North Melbourne
 - * St Vincent de Paul food van, Collingwood
 - * St Vincent de Paul food van, Fitzroy
 - * Cornerstone Organisation, Dandenong
 - * Capuchin Fathers Centre, St Kilda
 - * Capuchin Fathers Centre, South Melbourne

WA

- * The Shopfront, Maylands
- * St Pat's Drop-In Centre, Fremantle
- * The Crossroads, Perth
- * Daydown, Northbridge
- * St Vincent de Paul, Mandurah

Fundraising for this 2018 distribution has already begun. Funds available in December dictate how many Coats we can order for winter 2018. Please support us. Donations can be made using the coupon on page 5.

SECOND ORDER OF MALTA COMMUNITY CARE VAN TO ASSIST PARRAMATTA'S HOMELESS

Thanks to the generous support of CITIC CLSA's Chairman's Trust and Sandersons Rushcutters Bay, a second Community Care Van will soon begin operation in Parramatta.

An initial van has been serving the homeless of Sydney CBD for almost two years, providing healthcare and distributing Coats for the Homeless, Hygiene packs, water and sun protection. The van is staffed by volunteer drivers and a nurse from St Vincent's Hospital.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver for the Community Care Van in either Parramatta or Sydney CBD, please email info@smom.org.au



Donations to support the Community Care Van project can be made on page 5.

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2017 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Each May, Knights, Dames and volunteers from the Order of Malta all over the world travel to Lourdes, France as pilgrims. Many Associations bring with them sick and disabled (referred to as "Malades" in French).

The Lourdes pilgrimage offers a unique opportunity to fully experience the charism of the Order, through service to the sick and the poor, while joining together with members of the Order from across the globe in an international community of service and faith.

The Australian delegation, often partner with the Irish delegation to assist with the care the malades.

ANZAC DAY 2017 AT BRISBANE'S CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

ANZAC Day 2017 photos, at Brisbane's Cathedral of St Stephen, of venerable Timorese Veterans with President Ian Marshall, Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge,

Queensland Governor Paul de Jersey and Timor-Leste President-elect Guterres.

QLD COATS FOR THE HOMELESS BREAKFAST 2017

More than 170 enthusiastic supporters joined Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge and guest speaker Damien Frawley, Chief Executive of the Queensland Investment Corporation, in braving the elements to attend the Order of Malta's Coats for the Homeless Breakfast on 30 March.

The annual fundraising event raised over \$10,000 for the Coats for the Homeless project.

LOURDES DAY MASS CELEBRATIONS IN ADELAIDE

On Saturday 11 February, Lourdes Day Mass was celebrated at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral in Adelaide. A blessing for good health took place during the Liturgy with water brought from the Shrine at Lourdes



I WANT TO HELP

You can make a donation by completing this form and returning it in the reply paid envelope provided.

- I am happy for the Order to allocate my donation to where the need is greatest; **or**

Please accept a gift towards the:

- Order of Malta Prevention and Recovery Centre
 Creating Leaders Scholarships
 Community Care Van Outreach
 Coats for the Homeless

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