

# StreetSmart announces 38 community grants to help the homeless from CaféSmart funds

On the eve of the DineSmart campaign, StreetSmart Australia has announced support for 38 hard-to-reach community projects to assist the homeless.

The funds raised through CafeSmart, that took place on 5 August and various other fundraising efforts will support projects nationwide including Tasmania and Western Australia for the first time.

StreetSmart grants support a diverse range of projects including food, shelter and funding for projects that have limited resources to fundraise themselves. These include critical services and emergency aid as well as projects that promote social inclusion, empowerment and sustainable change for people who are homeless.

One of the projects that will benefit from the grants is Victorian organisation, Brenda House, who will use the funds to offer art therapy for young homeless children exposed to domestic violence.

Lou's Place, a Sydney based drop-in centre for women in need, will also use the money to upgrade their yard as another space for their residents to use.

“We were in dire need of more space for our residents so this grant couldn't come soon enough,” says Deborah Banks JP, Executive Manager of Lou's Place.

The DineSmart 2011 campaign kicks off next week from 14 November to 24 December.

The annual event seeks to unite the hospitality industry and help the homeless by asking diners to add a small \$2 donation to StreetSmart on their bill. The money collected from DineSmart is donated directly to support homeless projects and charities in close proximity to participating restaurants.



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