



Storehouse seasons

The Storehouse Charity Gift Market

The Storehouse Gift Market was an initiative, started by our manager Lala Noronha, in 2016 as a service to our clients and community with two objectives.

1 Where good quality, low-priced, gifts could be bought by our clients and the general public to give disadvantaged people the ability to purchase bargain priced items which they otherwise would not be able to afford. This provides for them a sense of independence and dignity to be able to give a gift for a birthday, Christmas or just to say thank you.

2 It would also contribute a valuable source of income to help continue The Storehouse's vital work.

Lala receives goods from numerous sources including many donated or gifted to the Market by members of the Brighton/Kogarah Uniting Church or members of the public. The Storehouse Gift Market operates from its own dedicated area in the foyer of the Centre, Monday to Thursday from 10am to 3pm, and on Friday from 10am to 12.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to come and browse and guaranteed, you will always find a fabulous bargain!



Lala's Greetings

I hope you enjoy this Autumn edition of 'Storehouse Seasons'. So many people are now coming seeking our help we get at times, a little overwhelmed. However, when we see the smiles of appreciation from the people who have just received a free food parcel, a hot meal, help with paying their power, gas or water account, it is all worthwhile. Everyone of our staff, volunteers and Board are committed to the same vision, to share God's love (in tangible, practical ways) with our local community.

The article on the The Storehouse Charity Gift Market shows how we are working hard to raise funds to reach our budgeted annual income so we can keep our doors open, helping as many as we can who are in need. It is true, however, that the vast majority of our income for operations comes from YOU, our valued donors. We are so appreciative of your partnership with us, it makes such a difference knowing that you share our vision and want to help. We also do all we can to gather additional sources of revenue, seeking and applying for grants to fund specific programs or projects, and we are very grateful when we receive these important gifts.

As the end of the 2018/19 financial year approaches may I ask you to consider donating to us again this year, if you have not done so already. Remember, donations to The Kogarah Storehouse are fully tax deductible and make a huge difference in enriching the lives of truly needy people.

Blessings,

Lala Noronha
Manager



A Celebration of Grace

Storehouse was named from the inspirational Bible passage **Malachi 3:10** which states: "Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing" (RSV).

At The Storehouse we cherish this passage as our inspiration. We see God's hand at work so clearly every week and so we place full faith in God, that He will bless The Storehouse and He will do amazing things for others through us. We also take as truth from the Bible, John 3:16 "For God so loved the world he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life". (RSV)

Amazing! that God's FREE gift to the world was his Son, Jesus, so that we might be reconciled to God and receive His peace and eternal life in Heaven. But Jesus is quoted by Mathew (Matt 10: 5-8), empowering his followers to do amazing work in his name. Jesus reminded them that as they were given his power for free, so too must they give freely. This is our key motivation at The Storehouse to help people in need, every way we can.



THE JOY IN GIVING

Every day we see and hear instances of people who have lost much and suffered through no fault of their own. Maybe an accident or sickness, a theft or broken relationships. I expect you may know of persons so affected. We feel for these people for we all are acutely aware how unfortunate things can happen and how easily we too could find ourselves in similar situations.

How does one then deal with loss?

According to the famous psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor, Victor Frankl (1905-1997), the only thing we can't lose (the only thing that can't be denied us) is our attitude in the face of adversity and how we choose to respond.

At the Kogarah Storehouse we

daily encounter people who have suffered overwhelming emotional, physical and/or financial loss but who press on regardless. People who stubbornly won't give in and who choose to respond with hope and belief in a better tomorrow.

At Storehouse, it is a Joy to assist these brave souls to persevere. Importantly, through your support and giving to the work of The Storehouse this joy is yours also to share.

In the Bible we are reminded of our duty to others. In Mathew 25:40 Jesus tells us "Truly, I say to you, as you helped one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (RSV).

The Joy in giving is knowing you are helping others in need, whoever they may be.



About The Kogarah Storehouse

Our mission: "To be a haven of hope and practical help to people in need in our community"

Established in 1992, The Kogarah Storehouse Community Centre is a non-government, not-for-profit, registered charity with (PBI) Public Benevolent Institute DGR status. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. It operates from the Kogarah Uniting Church and is an outreach mission of the church.



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