

## Supporting INCH

**Every week for 27 years, INCH has provided a home to a family or a single person.**

**What our long term tenants say about living in an INCH Home.**

**Joe**, I lived in a small boarding room before INCH, there was many people living in one place. For the past 4 ½ years, I have live in an INCH unit. I am much calmer, I have room and I can do anything I like. With secure housing, I have been able to complete university studies in the Arts.



**Janet**, before INCH, I was in emergency accommodation services. For the past 7 years, I have lived in my beautiful INCH home. I like it here a lot, I am happy, I have friends and it's close to shops and other services. People care and INCH staff help and support me when I need it.

**John**, I was living in a boarding house before being with INCH. I have been living in my INCH unit for 12 years, this is the longest place that I have lived in. I like it here, I have good neighbours, made friends and it's close to everything. INCH staff help me out when things goes wrong.



## INCH Needs Your Help

According to the 2016 Census data, homelessness and inadequate dwellings has risen by **5%** across Australia since 2011. The 2016 homeless rate was 1 person in every 200 people.

The rate of homelessness in Queensland is significantly higher than in southern states. There are **more than 21,500 people who are homeless every night** in Queensland.

Adequate, safe and affordable housing is important to everyone, as we all know the expression "**There is no place like Home**" - a home is more than a shelter or a physical dwelling, it's a place to belong, it shapes who we are, it directly impacts on our physical and mental health, it effects relationships with our family, friends and the community and its determines our quality of life.

**INCH needs your support to assist us to provide more safe and affordable homes to families and single people. [How can you help?](#)**

**Bequests:** – The gift you leave in your will, can enable INCH to provide homes and services to families and single people who are homelessness or living in inadequate dwellings.

**Property Leasing** - short or long term property leasing to INCH, (rent free or for minimal rent), can assist us to provide more homes to INCH's clients.

click on [Property Leasing](#) for more information

**Donations – INCH is a Charity, an approved gift recipient by the ATO, any donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.**

Donations can assist with our current Business goals, such as:-

- to purchase or build properties to increase our property portfolio.
- to purchase a new utility vehicle, to assist tenants receiving furniture or household donations, assist tenants moving house and to implement our gardening program.
- to increase tenancy and property services to assist and support more tenants.

To make a donation to INCH – [click on Donations](#)

### Use our Connecting Services Programs

This program assists any person who is moving to a new property.

INCH partners with an easy online Connecting services program, who has a dedicated support team to assist people to connect their electricity, gas, phone broadband, pay TV and other utilities.

It benefits all involved - You get help connecting services to your new property and if you register with any provider, INCH is given rewards from the companies

Click on [Connecting Services for more information and to Register.](#)

## INCH's Partners, Volunteers or Friends

We welcome you to become involved with INCH in ways that is beneficial to you. Please see below how others are involved with INCH.

INCH works closely with many people and services to successfully provide homes to families and single people, such as

- Department of Housing and Public Works provides properties for INCH's long term tenants.
- Brisbane City Council provides properties for INCH's Transitional Housing tenants.
- Private Owners – provides rental properties for INCH's Transitional Housing tenants.
- Government, private and community support services, in liaison with INCH's Tenancy services provide a wide range of support and generic services, as required, to assist tenants to stabilise their complex circumstances, sustain their tenancy, provide learning tools to move towards independence.
- Companies and businesses support INCH via donations, in-kind services, mentoring, reduction in service costs, offering of goods and services.
- Volunteers offer their time, skills and knowledge across all areas of INCH, such as governance, compliance, financial services, business development, administration, tenant engagement activities, tenancy and property management.

If you wish to become an INCH Volunteer, firstly please register with [Volunteering Queensland](#) - <https://volunteeringqld.org.au> , and search for INCH's volunteer positions.

*Valeen says - "I have been volunteering for 7 years. My main duties has been front desk, duties - reception, answering the phone and meeting and greeting our clients, contractors and visitors. Also I am the AGM fundraiser, I contact various local businesses seeking donation items for our Tenants Get Together in December. INCH is a great place to volunteer - staff are so friendly and supportive".*

- Friends of INCH – involvement via INCH membership, and/or provides donations – money, goods or services.