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SunnyKids is a children's' charity based on the Sunshine Coast which has been working with at-risk children and families for over 13 years in helping them break the cycle of disadvantage.

SunnyKids has been fortunate to be the recipient of several grants from StreetSmart over the past 5 years, that have gone towards providing for the women and children who transition through our homelessness refuge. There are 8 units in the refuge which house families escaping domestic violence. There is room for 8 women and 38 children at any one time - the units are filled 98% of the time.

As you can imagine, these families are suffering major trauma - so being able to provide a 'safe home' experience is essential.

StreetSmart grants have allowed SunnyKids to provide that stable home experience to around 750 women and children. Funding received goes towards the 'Mother's Helping Hands Program' which provides our homeless mothers with child care programs so they can attend critical appointments in order to enable them to rebuild for the future eg legal, housing and job interviews.

Through these opportunities women and their children will reconnect to a range of community supports and networks, building self reliance and self esteem. These connections provide for greater ease of re-entry into society after experiencing social isolation over a significant period of time.

The program delivers:

- healthy snacks for afternoon and morning tea
- educational toys
- transport
- educational and fun activity programs for children

So thank you again to StreetSmart for all your efforts to help our women and children reach their full potential and become the best that they can be.

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