



HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY

Park Avenue Adamstown

The House of Hospitality is a project of the Sisters of St Joseph of Lochinvar and is the shared ministry of a small faith community. Whilst a Sister has always lived here – namely Carmel and/or Beverly – from the very beginning a small group of people have joined each week to pray; to discuss and act on current issues; and to continually appraise and extend the ministry of the House. These community members are available to assist in the House Ministry in whatever way they can.

The House began in March 1991 and has provided safe, supportive drink/drug free accommodation for 792 homeless men, women and children. (523 adults and 269 children.)

The basic philosophy of the House is that of empowerment - to create a caring, supportive, safe environment to enable people to regain confidence; take control of their lives; look at all their options; make choices and move on to independent living.

The House community took a decision in 1996 to support a refugee at the House and we have assisted an East Timorese (Francesco - 5 months); an Ethiopian, (Ayalew - 2 ½ years) and an Albanian woman (Melinda) and her 8 month old son. (Costa.) In 2001 we welcomed two East Timorese students. These students studied at the University of Newcastle on a scholarship specifically provided for them by the staff at the University.

Sara, one of the students, completed her Education degree in 2005 and Carla in 2007. [Click here](#) for recent letter from Sarah

The House of Hospitality has tried to keep alive the Josephite tradition of always trying to respond to needs in our society.

We are aware of the multiplicity of needs that we cannot address and it is our hope that we will be able to support other groups that respond to them whilst at the same time continuing to be alert to the changing needs of our times.

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