

## Star Health Rotary Fund Applications

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- MW has recently relocated from a residential mental health facility to independent living. He is in receipt of the disability support pension and currently unemployed. MW has recently enrolled in an online diploma of business and does not currently have access to computer or laptop from home. Funds will be put towards a laptop to assist with study. Amount requested: \$200
- FG is an old man living alone with significant visual impairment (legally blind) struggling to safely cook or reheat delivered meals using the gas stove top & oven in his new bedsit unit. OT to assist F.G. to buy & learn to use a microwave to heat his home delivered meals ASAP. Funds will be put towards a basic microwave (e.g. Big W) = \$50.00 - 100.00 including delivery.
- YD is currently living in Office Housing accommodation and in receipt of DSP. YD has difficulty with clothing as she experiences Psoriasis and Allergies to synthetics and needs to wear natural substances. A \$200 Voucher to the Melbourne Hemp Store will allow for YD to have access to clothing that will not irritate her and that will allow her not to have increased symptoms of her allergies.
- SR is a 36 yo female, suffered extreme domestic violence and fled her home with her son, after years of torture and abuse, originally of African heritage, migrated to Europe to avoid war and was married under religious law at the age of 16 when her birth certificate was changed by her family, has fled to a refuge with her son, suffers significant PTSD, has only one set of clothes. Funds will be spent on one to two new sets of clothes and a winter jacket. Amount requested: \$200
- A client in his early 40s who has been unable to work for seven years now following an acquired brain injury and epilepsy. He is also a person of refugee background, considerable isolation even pre COVID 19, who is struggling day to day with health, finances (including significant debts he is repaying), and his personal sense of identity (feeling valueless and unvalued) and confusion at how his life has ended. Having funding of \$100 to purchase a reliable vacuum cleaner would help him financially, with the upkeep of his home, and be a concrete symbol that he has worth.
- BM and her 6 y/o daughter recently moved to Melbourne from regional Victoria, having fled family violence. They have just moved into a public housing property and have had a number of expenses related to moving and setting up a new home. BM is pregnant, due to give birth in the next week. BM is struggling to afford the school fees in addition to the other irregular expenses she has had recently. The assistance would ease the financial pressure BM is currently experiencing and assist BM to meet the increased expenses she will have with the arrival of her new baby. Amount requested: \$200
- DG is an NDIS client, he is currently living in DHHS housing in South Melbourne and has recently been supported to stabilise his mental health and begin looking after his property once more. DG struggles financially and it has not been uncommon for him to report going multiple days in a row without access to food, and is in need of some new clothes and sheets for his bed. These items will contribute significantly to his recovery process and allow him to more confidently engage with the community through the support of his Support Workers. As such, \$200 is being requested to help assist DG to purchase some new clothes and sheets for his bed.

- J.H. is a client with a previous history of drug use who is now a single mum with a less than 12 month old child. J.H. relies on walking or using Public Transport to attend appointments; however, this is made difficult with her diagnosis of Morton's Neuroma. This is a condition where the nerves in her feet are compressed because of her gait biomechanics and anatomical structures. This causes considerable pain through her toes and forefoot when walking for short periods. Funding is being sought to supplement these interventions including prescriptive foot wear and functional orthotics. Amount requested: \$200
- A father who has extensive injuries after a fall from a great height with multiple physical and psychological difficulties. He has been unable to work since, and has been subsisting on New Start until Job Seeker started up. With a tendency to fall to one side, and in need of equipment at home, he needs to invest in a pair of good shoes in order to be able to wear an orthosis to correct for some of his post injury leg deformity. Shoes (eg good runners) are about \$250 a pair. I write to ask for \$200 to help him meet the expense of his shoes.