

# Children

## The impact of workplace giving for Berry Street



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**‘Family violence hurts its littlest victims the most’: It’s the quote that greets you as you click to the website of Victoria-based charity, Berry Street. For the past 140 years, the charity has been ‘for childhood’: a better one for young people who have experienced abuse and neglect through family violence.**

Berry Street receives over 1000 family violence referrals a month. The charity provides services primarily to the metropolitan Melbourne area and farther afield in Victoria. Berry Street’s vision is that all children should have a good childhood, growing up feeling safe, nurtured and with hope for the future.

Berry Street manages foster and residential care, therapy programs, education initiatives and family support services. The charity also advocates for change and awareness on the systemic issues of family violence, child abuse, and associated issues of substance abuse and intergenerational disadvantage.

These programs and services operate with the generous support of Government funding, corporate and individual donations. Corporate partnerships and workplace giving donations enable Berry Street to develop innovations within services and therapeutic programs.

“Berry Street’s current workplace giving donations support a number of programs. As a specific example, Vanguard’s donations are driven towards the Turtle program,” says Melinda Octigan, Corporate Partnerships Manager.

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