Together, we can improve children's futures.

We all know that problems can arise throughout childhood. If not addressed, these problems can build leading to reduced opportunities in later life. The foundations for children and young people's wellbeing are access to HOUSING quality health care and education, secure housing and Where we are: income, personal safety and self-confidence. Nationally, 22.3% of children aged 0-14 years were listed as living in households With your support, we can help every child grow up experiencing housing stress¹ healthy, safe and confident by ensuring families get the right support at the right time. Where we want to be: Families are able to access affordable housing to maintain stability. **EDUCATION HEALTH** Where we are: Where we are: In Australia in 2018, 21.7% of For children under 5 years, children in their first year of fullpreterm birth and low birthweight time school were developmentally complications are the leading vulnerable² causes of total burden of disease6 Where we want to be: Where we want to be: We want accessible education Health services and resources and early years support that create are accessible and appropriately strong foundations for all children support the wellbeing of children and young people. and young people. HOUSING **SOCIAL SUPPORT** Where we are: Where we are: Children living in Around 20% of parents households without felt they couldn't get help when they needed it³. sufficient income are at a greater risk of poor health and educational Where we want to be: EMPLOYMENT Communities to provide outcomes, both in the short and long term. the right support at the right time for children young people and families. Where we want to be: Supporting the development of children by ensuring families have access to adequate household income. **EMPLOYMENT** SAFETY

Where we are:

The rate of children receiving child protection services in Australia continues to rise. In 2017-18, around 158,600 children received child protection services⁵.

Where we want to be:

We want to act early to keep children and young people safe in families and communities. We need to eliminate the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in contact with child protection and youth justice services.

Where we are:

In 2017, an estimated 576,900 children aged 0-14 years were living in jobless families⁴.

Where we want to be:

End the inter-generational cycle of unemployment - we want all young people to have the opportunity to 'learn or earn'.



With every family. For every child.

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