

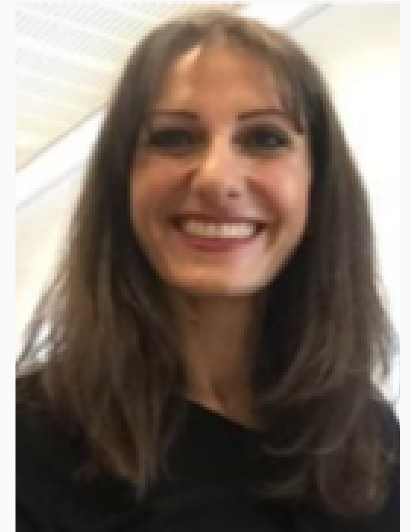
# ST MERKORIOUS CHARITY

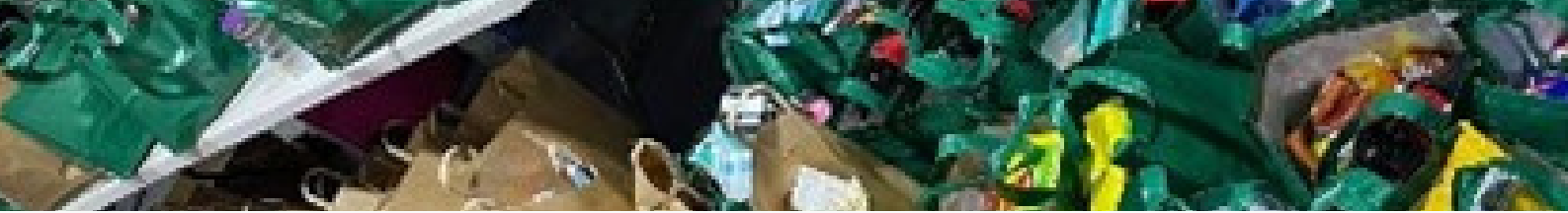
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## FROM THE FOUNDER

BY PAULA NICOLAS

As we embark on a new year, I am filled with gratitude and hope. The past year was a testament to the resilience and generosity of our community, and I want to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for your unwavering support. Our success is built on the support of our community, and we are eager to engage with you in new and meaningful ways. Whether it's through volunteer opportunities, fundraising events, or simply sharing our mission with your friends and family, your involvement is invaluable. Together, we can create positive change.





## Parramatta Outreach Service

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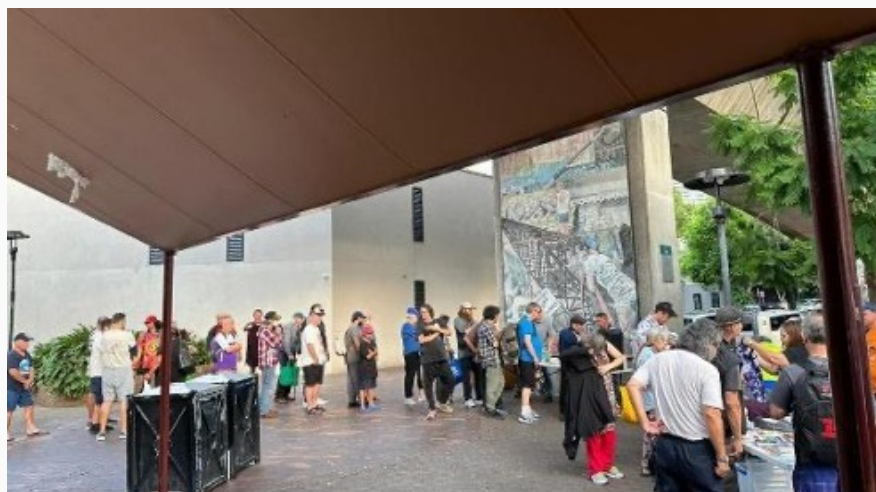
Thank you to our wonderful volunteers that help each week at our Parramatta outreach service. This is a big service with amazing volunteers who work hard in serving others in the community.

It is a time of fellowship and charity, spreading love and food to those in the community, we couldn't do it without all your help!



## Woolloomooloo Outreach Service

Here at St. Merkorious Charity, we are so grateful to all the volunteers who help share the bread at our Woolloomooloo outreach service each week, again without your help this wouldn't be possible.



# Australia Day

A big thank you to the National Australia Day Council for their support in helping aid our clients with amazing hampers and meals on such a wonderful day.

The week was filled with laughs, love and good company.



## Thanksgiving Charity Function

St. Merkorious Charity had the honors of attending the Thanksgiving Charity Function in December.

Thanksgiving Australia's goal is to establish self-sustainable communities in many underdeveloped countries, that will create positive change and generate a better quality of life for many generations to come.

Thank you to Dr. Anne Aly MP and Hon. Edmond Atalla – MP member for Mount Druitt. It was great to have met such wonderful people showing their support to the mission.



# Parramatta Council - Citizen of the Year Award's & Australian Citizenship Ceremony

On the 26 January 2023, St. Merkorious Charity was honoured to be nominee for the Community Service Award by the City of Parramatta. It was an amazing day filled with exciting activities and wonderful people.

We would like to thank Ambassador Ben Farinazzo for his support. Ben is a veteran, dual Invictus Games gold medalist and an ambassador for lifeline and soldiers on Australia.

We would also like to thank Lord Mayor Counsellor Donna Davis for her amazing efforts and for the recognition of outstanding achievements within the community.



# UALM Awards

On Australia Day 2023, St. Merkorious Charity was extremely honoured to have received the Australia Day Award from UALM – United Australian Lebanese Movement. St. Merkorious Charity would like to thank UALM as an organisation for all their efforts.



## Rotary Granville

St. Merkorious charity on the 31 January 2023 had the privilege of welcoming Granville Rotary President Mary Gharibian and the team to discuss future endeavours to help our community.



## Mounties group – visit from Arely Carrion

A huge thank you to Arely Carrion from Mounties Group for coming out on 2 February 2023 to SMC to show her support.



## Kenvale College Volunteers

SMC had the privilege of providing Kenvale College students experience in our kitchens.



## Fairfield City Council Sponsored Nutrition Seminar

With the help of Fairfield Council, SMC conducted a nutrition seminar for those wanting to learn how to live a healthier lifestyle. The course was conducted every Monday for 2 hours.



## Opening of Hudson Park stage 2

St. Merkorious Charity had the privilege of celebrating the opening of Hudson Park stage 2 on 26 February 2023.

Hudson Park has many new amenities including a brand-new children's playground and BBQ facilities.

A very special thank you to Cllr Karen Pensabene and Mayor of Strathfield Cllr Matthew Blackmore for their efforts in supporting the Strathfield Community and BBQ facilities.



## Easter appeal

Thank you to everyone who helped in our 2023 Easter Appeal. You have helped so many struggling families and individuals with everyday necessities.



## International Women's Day morning tea

St. Merkorious Charity were invited to celebrate International Women's Day on 8 March 2023 with the WomenCan Fund – Gynecological Cancer Research, at the Hyatt Regency in Sydney.

It was an amazing event filled with empowered guest speakers who truly are an inspiration to all. A very special thanks to Paula Duncan who is the ambassador for the WomanCan Fund.



## SMC International Women's Day morning tea

St. Merkorious Charity hosted an International Women's Day morning tea on the 9 March 2023 at the charity's headquarters for all the amazing women that volunteer their time for the charity.

SMC recognise all their efforts and are forever blessed and grateful for the wonderful community that we have.



# Keeping News Local

SMC were honoured to be invited to the launch of Keeping News Local on the 12 March 2023, and to have Paula Nicolas on the panel as a guest speaker.

KNL is an independent Australian based start-up that aims to fill the void and to bring local news back to residents wherever independent local news is absent.

A special thanks to Suzy Michael, Mariam George, and Hon. Victor Dominello.



## Business & Professional Women Strathfield – Burwood Park

St. Merkorious Charity were grateful to be invited to hold a stand at the first ever Local Community Services Expo run by Business & Professional Women Strathfield on 15 March 2023.

This was a great initiative to discover and connect with local service providers and community groups and for the local residents to find out what is available in our community.







**St. Merkorious  
Charity**

# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**



## **TASKS WILL INCLUDE...**

- Assist in our commercial kitchen
- Assist in the warehouse with sorting and packing
- Hamper packing
- Various outreach services
- Hours are flexible

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