



**Photo:** Peter and Sue Hallam, meeting Yves Nikoranyi, (sponsored from Kakuma Refugee Camp, N. Kenya) and settled by Albury Sanctuary.

## Celebrating 25 years of making a difference to the lives of refugees!

**Since 1988 Sanctuary** has been a major force in giving hope and help to thousands of refugees suffering in many war torn areas of the world, regardless of background.

SAF has provided sponsorship, interest-free travel loans, settlement and ongoing support to refugees from Salvador, Chile, Vietnam, Burma, Bosnia, Iraq, and African countries including Ethiopia, Congo, Sudan, Rwanda, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Somalia.

Sanctuary has inspired and initiated ten affiliated Sanctuary Refugee support groups across Australia, who each follow Sanctuary's successful program and welcome refugees into their community.

So many have been helped to a new life, where they have safety, hope and a future. The greatest reward is to see children adapt so quickly to their new community and school, and go on to study and achieve their dreams.....

## Sanctuary Settlement



If a sponsored refugee case is fortunate enough to receive an interview and is successful, medicals and security checks follow, and if these are clear, a refugee visa is approved, and we can begin the process of making the travel bookings, providing an interest-free airfare loan and welcoming new families into the local community. It is always a time of great joy!

Sanctuary groups across Australia welcome and assist refugees with all aspects of settlement including schools, social services, housing, Medicare, banking, English classes and community clubs and groups.

## Sanctuary's Refugee Advice and Support Program

Despite many challenging circumstances over the years, Sanctuary has continued to sponsor and settle refugees, and help ex-refugees here to sponsor family members overseas, including mothers and children who suffer much stress and loneliness, longing to be reunited with spouse and/or family again.

Sanctuary runs a very busy Refugee Advice and Support Program, offering help to enquirers from across the country and overseas, in many areas of need, including understanding life in Australia, sponsoring loved ones left behind, housing, life skills, study, starting a small business and finding employment.



Dr. Sobhana Arianayagam (middle) and staff in the kitchen preparing a feast for the Sanctuary dinner.  
Photo: Tom Caldwell

### Education Fund

Sanctuary continues to provide small education grants for several refugees, both children and adults who have been sponsored by SAF. It covers the costs of school and vocational training for refugees, who need a leg up after years without the same chances we often take for granted.



Pianist David Helfgott (of 'Shine') at his Sanctuary fundraiser concert, with Ermias, from Ethiopia, who was sponsored by SAF.

### In recognition of our great Sanctuary Supporters and Patrons

Dr Sobhana Arianayagam and her team at Sullivan Nicolaides Pathology have provided fantastic support for Sanctuary's work over the years, with their famous Sanctuary Dinners, bringing together the medical community of Coffs Harbour to raise funds for refugees.

SAF receives no Government funding and relies on the generosity of the community and business to continue this vital life saving work.

Renown pianist David Helfgott and wife Gillian have had several beautiful afternoon concerts in their private home for Sanctuary. We thank them and also George Negus, Jack Thompson and Kerry Obrien for being part of this over the years, for their support

Thankyou to Dick Smith, ANZ Bank, The Body Shop, Bonds Australia and our many wonderful donors across Australia without who's support we could not continue this work.





# Sanctuary refugee settlement timeline!

**Central America from 1988 onwards.....**



**Vietnam from 1990 onwards.....**



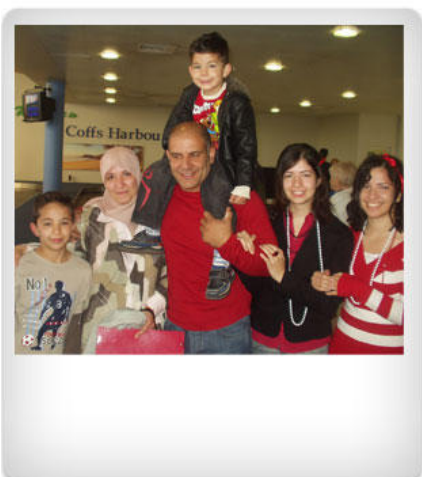
**Bosnia from 1995 onwards....**



**Burma from 1998 onwards....**



**Iraq from 2005 onwards....**



**African Countries from 1998 onwards....**



Many ex-refugees who have been helped by Sanctuary, are now leaders in their own communities, and have gone on to achieve amazing things.....

# Sanctuary across Australia

We pay tribute on this 25th anniversary year to the amazing people across Australia who are working together as part of our affiliated Sanctuary Refugee Support groups, committed over many years, to warmly welcoming refugees and their families into their communities, and helping them through the huge adjustment to life in their new country.



- Murray Valley Sanctuary (Albury) NSW, led by Dr Penny Vine, OAM
- Sanctuary Victoria, led by Mary and Mick Clarke
- Bega Valley Sanctuary, led by Michael Adams
- Northern Beaches Sanctuary (Manly) Sydney, led by David Addington.
- Inverell Sanctuary Support Group, led by Rosemary Breen, OAM
- Sanctuary Perth, led by Jim Benson
- Sanctuary Ulladulla, led by Rosemary Thompson
- Sanctuary Bellingen, led by Lani Carmody
- Rockhampton Sanctuary, led by Fr. Cameron Venables.
- Sanctuary Australia, Coffs Harbour, led by Peter Hallam, OAM

## Some of our Sanctuary patrons:



**From left:** Jack Thompson ( Actor), Yalda Hakim (SBS Dateline ), Philip Adams, (ABC Radio), Steve Biddulph (writer), Peter singer (Professor of Bioethics, Princeton & Melbourne), Actors Kate Atkinson and Alice Garner, and Arnold Zable ( Author).

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