

# **MEDIA RELEASE: YOUTH OFF THE STREETS**

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## **Father Chris Riley moves into respite care**

(Sydney, Australia): Father Chris Riley AM, Founder of Youth Off The Streets, has moved into respite care after receiving treatment in hospital for diabetes-related complications.

Father Riley was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes in 2019 and has recently experienced periods of ill-health.

On the advice of his doctors, Father Riley moved from hospital into respite care, where he will have ongoing access to health professionals.

Youth Off The Streets' CEO, Ms Lex Nadine Lutherborrow, said: "Father Riley's recent illness has prompted him to consider the options for managing his health in the long term. He has worked tirelessly over many decades to help young people in need, and I'm hopeful the support he's now receiving will continue to improve his health and allow him to focus on his own wellbeing."

Youth Off The Streets' services and programs continue to operate as normal under its management team, led by Ms Lutherborrow.

Father Riley founded Youth Off The Streets in 1991 and served as CEO until 2020, when he transitioned into the role of Founder and Executive Director on the organisation's Board.

Youth Off The Streets has provided safety and support for thousands of homeless and disadvantaged young Australians over the last thirty years.

**If you would like to arrange an interview with a spokesperson, please call Karen Penning, Marketing and Communications Manager, on 0475 989 737.**

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### **About Youth Off The Streets**

Youth Off The Streets is a leading non-denominational community organisation dedicated to providing at-risk young Australians with safety, support and opportunities to reach their full potential. We assist young people aged 12 to 25 who are experiencing homelessness, abuse, neglect, exclusion from school or other forms of disadvantage.

Since opening in 1991, Youth Off The Streets has grown from a single food van delivering meals to young

homeless people on the streets of Kings Cross to a major youth-specific agency offering over 30 programs and services. These range from crisis accommodation and counselling to accredited independent high schools and a youth employment service.

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