

ACRATH supporters shine bright at Run Melbourne Charity Event



Pictured : Top Left: Father Andrew Jekot and friends, Top Right: Project Manager Erin with ACRATH member Janet and Executive Officer Christine, Bottom Left: students from Padua Friends of ACRATH Roos team, Bottom Right: Students from Thornbury High and Fairfield Primary with ACRATH staff member Ange.

ACRATH runners and supporters raised more than \$10,000 on 22 July at the annual Run Melbourne charity event. Spirits soared as members of the Friends of ACRATH gathered in full force, determined to raise money for ACRATH's critical initiatives, including education, awareness campaigns, advocacy, and victim-survivor support programs - all dedicated to the mission of eradicating human trafficking.

The event saw outstanding participation from various communities and organisations, including representatives from Padua College Mornington, students of Sacred Heart Girls' College (SHGC) Oakleigh, Thornbury High, Fairfield Primary, Our champion fundraiser was Father Andrew Jekot from St Mary of the Cross in Mordialloc and Aspendale who was pleased he finished his run in good shape as



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were our supporters from Allans law firm. Together, they proudly waved the ACRATH flag throughout the event.

The project manager, Erin, reflected on the day's success: " Personal bests were achieved, others were just happy to get to the finishing line and our hearts were warmed by the father-young daughter team. All promised to be back next year," Erin said.

The donation link remains active for those who wish to contribute: [Run Melbourne ACRATH](#) and please consider supporting our ongoing fundraising efforts at the Sacred Heart Girls College/ Roos Friends of ACRATH team bake sale at Oakleigh Bunnings on Saturday 27th July, 2024."

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The community's generosity was overwhelming, with Reverend Jekot and his congregation at St Mary of the Cross Mordialloc and Aspendale, raising a notable \$4,510. Their contributions are deeply appreciated.

Looking ahead to 2025, enthusiasm remains high as teams are already beginning to plan. Sacred Heart Girls' College Oakleigh, Thornbury High, and Fairfield Primary School have all pledged their commitment to next year's event, promising another round of spirited fundraising and community engagement.

A heartfelt thank you to all participants, supporters, and volunteers who made this year's event a resounding success. Your dedication and compassion are instrumental in driving ACRATH's mission forward.

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