

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Empowering Canberra's Youth: Galilee School and Lions Youth Haven Join Hands Across Canberra Canberra Day Appeal

A brighter future starts with action. Galilee School and Lions Youth Haven are coming together for this year's **Hands Across Canberra (HAC) Canberra Day Appeal**, raising essential funds to support disengaged and vulnerable young people in the Canberra community.

On **1 March 2025, from 10 AM to 2 PM**, the **South Canberra Community Markets** will be more than just a marketplace. It will be a place of opportunity and change. Every contribution at this event directly supports education, training, and mentorship programs designed to help young people build a successful future.

Here's how you can make an impact by attending the markets:

- **Give a gold coin donation** at entry—small actions lead to big change.
- **Buy a raffle ticket** for a chance to win a fantastic hamper while supporting a great cause.
- **Own a piece of art** from our charity exhibition—because creativity fuels futures.

Terry from **Lions Youth Haven** shared why this cause is so important:

*"Lions Youth Haven believes in every young person's ability to rise above challenges and build a positive future. Our farm skills education program provides hands-on training, life skills, and confidence. Currently, we run it three days a week—your support can help us expand to five, reaching more young people who need it."*

Lions Youth Haven and **Galilee School** share a strong partnership, working together to provide young people with access to education and career pathways. Tim, **Principal of Galilee School**, is calling on the community to step up:

*"At Galilee School, we see firsthand how support changes lives. The funds raised go directly to our students—helping them re-engage with learning and plan for their future. Join us at the South Canberra Community Markets and be part of the change."*

**This is your chance to turn generosity into action.** If you can't make it on the day, you can still contribute:

- **Donate to Galilee School:** <https://canberraday.org.au/o/galilee-school>
- **Donate to Lions Youth Haven:** <https://canberraday.org.au/o/lions-youth-haven>

**Join us on 1 March and be part of something bigger—because every young person deserves a chance at success.**

**Available for interview /news bite**

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## ABOUT THE ORGANISERS

### Galilee School – an alternative path to success

Galilee School is a registered, independent secondary school for students who have struggled in mainstream education. Through personalised support, hands-on learning, and a nurturing environment, Galilee School empowers young people to re-engage with education and build pathways for their future. Learn more at <https://www.commsatwork.org/services/community/galilee-school-canberra/>.

### Lions Youth Haven - youth support programs

Lions Youth Haven provides a unique rural learning space where disengaged youth can access hands-on skills training, mentorship, and a sense of belonging. Their programs help young people gain confidence, build practical skills, and work towards meaningful career and life goals. Learn more at <https://lyh.org.au/westwood-farm/>

#### Media resources:

[https://fb.watch/x\\_7dCnj5l6/](https://fb.watch/x_7dCnj5l6/)

## SHORT VERSION

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Ways to support:

- **Attend the markets:** Gold coin donation, raffle tickets for hampers and art exhibition sales will be happening
- **Online donations** for those who can't attend

*"We believe in every young person's potential. This appeal will help us expand our programs and reach more students in need,"* says Terry from Lions Youth Haven.

Tim, **Principal of Galilee School**, urges the community to take part: *"Your support means real opportunities for our students. Join us at the markets and be part of something bigger."*

Donate online:

- **Galilee School:** <https://canberraday.org.au/o/galilee-school>
- **Lions Youth Haven:** <https://canberraday.org.au/o/lions-youth-haven>

Join us on 1 March and help shape a brighter future for Canberra's youth!

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