

Students embrace practical social justice

Each year, the College's Social Justice Committee joins local Zonta volunteers to assist with two of their vitally important projects – making breast care cushions for people who've undergone breast surgery and packing birthing kits for pregnant women in remote areas of the globe.

During the past year, the College's Social Justice Committee has held two volunteer afternoons, which saw secondary students give up their personal time to support these major initiatives.

Mrs Marion Rutter, Convenor of the Social Justice Committee, said CHAC students are driven by a keen sense of justice and are constantly looking for ways to support those in need.

"Our students are always willing to assist with a range of volunteer and community initiatives – including the breast cushion making and birth kit assembly afternoons," Mrs Rutter said.

This year, 50 students helped assemble 100 breast care cushions, in an hour, for patients at the Mater Hospital.

Social Justice Committee Presidents Alex Wills and Sarah Finlay helped coordinate the recent afternoon, and both students agreed it was inspiring to see the committee practically helping society.

"It was truly great to see so many volunteers, both males and females, from all year levels participate in helping a worthy cause such as this," Alex said.

"Breast cancer is not exclusive to women, and to see so many boys joining this Social Justice initiative was awesome."

Sarah said knowing their efforts contributed to the wellbeing of others was encouraging.

"The feedback received from recipients has been positive, with one woman noting that receiving the cushion was a turning point for her in helping to change her outlook and feel more positive."

Mrs Ros Kinder, Secretary of the Zonta Club of Brisbane East, said they value CHAC's support and enjoy working alongside the students.

"We are elated that the students from Cannon Hill Anglican College join with us each year to assemble Zonta Breast Cushions," Mrs Kinder said.

"The students are so enthusiastic about the project. It is a real pleasure to chat with them about it.

"The Club also appreciates the time and support the CHAC staff give to this project. The encouragement from staff for students to undertake service activities such as this in their own time is a strong indication of the values CHAC engenders in its students."

The Zonta Breast Care Cushions provide comfort to women and men in the post-operative phase of breast surgery. Cushions are distributed in hospitals by Breast Care Nurses.

The Social Justice Committee will join with Zonta Club members in August for the annual birth kit assembly afternoon.



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