



Hands of Hope

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# HAPPY EASTER

**2008** is shaping up to what is going to be a very exciting year ahead for us, with plans in motion for this year's Christmas 4 Kids, and an launch of a new program aiming at boosting confidence in kids in the pipeline. I trust that you have also had a great start to the year. With the Easter Holidays just around the corner, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe long weekend and Happy Easter! Have a great time celebrating the reason for this season with friends and family (and don't eat too many Easter eggs)!

Warm regards,



Lisa Toh  
CEO - Hands of Hope





# Christmas 4 kids

## Christmas 4 Kids – plans in motion for this year

The 'Christmas 4 Kids' event that took place on 1 December 2007 at Inala State School left everyone (local residents and volunteers alike) with such a buzz, that we're already got the plans in motion for organising this year's event – promising to be even more dynamic and exciting!

Some of the wonderful things from last year's event include:

1230 children attended the event, accompanied by 500 parents/carers, all from the South West neighbouring communities. Every single child who attended received a good quality present (made possible through generous donations from Hope Brisbane Christian Church and all across Brisbane)

The stage entertainment, jumping castle, and many games stalls that were made available through the donation and support from local businesses. Special mention to McDonalds Inala and Forest Lake, KPMG and Huong My Ezy Pharmacy.

Around 20 workers from the local services also came along to lend us a hand and promote their wonderful services to the families (including The Smith Family, Inala Community Gardens, Inala Early Parent Centre, Pathway to Prevention etc)

Our wonderful local politicians - Bernie Ripoll MP, Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Cr Les Bryant all supported us through their donations and with their presence at the event

The Right Honourable Lord Mayor Campbell Newman and his family joined us for the very first time, and were impressed with everything from the volunteers to the entertainment.

**Thanks to you**, we have incredible momentum and reach to the families through this event. We look forward to partnering with you again for this year's event.

## New Program: Confidence Boost for Kids and Early Teens

This is an exciting program we are currently developing for children and early teens (10 - 13 years old) that is aimed at boosting confidence, covering topics such as respect, trust, self-worth over a 5-6 week program. We hope to launch this towards the end of 2008, or early 2009. We're excited about this program, and we promise to keep you updated on its development... so 'watch this space'!

## Community Investment Partnership

*'If you want to run fast, run alone. If you want to run far, run with others'* – Anonymous  
At Hands of Hope, we believe in partnership (playing different but complimentary and strategic roles towards achieving a common good cause) to run far, so that we reach the people who really need the help with a 'hand up' in a sustainable and empowering way.

Join with us to invest in existing and developing projects through financial donation, in-kind or pro-bono support or telling people in your circle of friends about us! Give Lisa, our CEO a call on **0404 511 641** or email [lisatoh@handsofhope.org.au](mailto:lisatoh@handsofhope.org.au), or drop into our website [www.handsofhope.org.au](http://www.handsofhope.org.au).

