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*Local People Local Giving Lasting Impact*

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### **Supporting local people like Shamira**



Meet Shamira. She's a proud mum of three, loves a laugh, but faces the challenge of beginning a new life in Fitzroy with limited English language skills and no job seeking experience.

Having migrated from Africa to escape conflict, Shamira has no connections, a narrow support network, and limited employment opportunities. The Fitzroy Learning Network's *Breaking Down Barriers* project funded by the Inner North Community Foundation is supporting Shamira as she learns how to find a job that will provide her with financial stability and important social and work connections in our community.

"I study for 5 hours every Sunday, work here [at the Fitzroy Toy Library], and learn English in the week" says Shamira with a big smile. These commitments are on top of caring for her three boys, but all this doesn't impact on Shamira's enthusiasm to work and learn. If anything it's made her even more determined.

"To work has been a good experience. I have been talking with parents and caring for the children." When asked about how she felt doing her work experience at the toy library, Shamira said without hesitation "I feel good. I feel happy. I have the chance to do more things."



Kryssia Agius, library coordinator (left) and Shamira (right)

Shamira cataloguing the toys

Working at the library has helped develop Shamira's English skills, and given her experience in cataloguing and filing, dealing with customers, and handling paperwork. Being involved with the project has inspired Shamira to undertake a diploma in child care, which she plans on doing after the *Breaking Down Barriers* project comes to an end.

## Give a gift that keeps on giving

Gift giving over the Holiday Season provides us all with a sense of excitement and happiness as we get that perfect something for those special people in our lives.

This Season, we'd like you to consider adding one more gift to your list. A gift which will help local people in our community.

Your donation to the Inner North Community Foundation is a perpetual gift that will be invested. The income from this investment is granted to local organisations which help people change their lives. Your generosity ensures that we can increase the number of organisations we support by helping them to make an impact on more people in our community in many different ways. Every donation helps us grow our support for local projects that help disadvantaged members of our community in the inner northern suburbs of Melbourne.

To see the impact of funding on some of the people we've supported so far, click on the image below to watch our short documentary.



Make a donation this holiday season by [clicking here](#)

Or [visit our website](#) and download a copy of the donation form online, fill it out and return it to us.

Mail to: PO Box 2109 Preston DC VIC 3072

Fax to: (03) 8689 1933

Or call (03) 8689 1967 to discuss a gift or bequest. All donations greater than \$2 are tax deductible.

## The Inner North Community Foundation Annual Report 2010 - 2011

The Inner North Community Foundation will be producing its Annual Report for the 2010-2011 financial year this December. The report will feature information about our grants round funding, success stories, and also provide a financial overview of the 2010-2011 period. In addition, it will help readers get to know the Inner North Community Foundation more intimately and further outline the scope of our work.

If you'd like to receive a copy, please send your details: **name, address, and email**, to [snathani@innorthfoundation.org.au](mailto:snathani@innorthfoundation.org.au) and we'll mail a copy out to you.

### Funding the **Koorie Night Market**

The Inner North Community Foundation has funded the Koorie Night Market to be held at Northcote Town Hall on 17 December as part of our Indigenous Small Grants Round.



The Koorie Night Market boasts a collective of over 150 market stall holders and a touring calendar that would make most rock bands blush. The market is a vast array of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander arts, crafts, food, music and dance. Based in Melbourne, the Market travels all round Victoria on a regular basis from Spring through to Autumn, running through the afternoon and into the evening.

The stalls and markets provide an opportunity for Indigenous people to rebuild their cultural heritage and reclaim their Indigenous identity. The KNM gives vendors the opportunity to experience generating their own income and being self employed. If you're looking for a place to find some beautiful holiday season gifts the KNM is bound not to disappoint.

[Click here to visit their website.](#)

### The Inner North Community Foundation has **Moved**

We've moved offices!

Our new address is: Level 2, 192-198 High Street Northcote VIC 3070.

We're opposite the Northcote Town Hall.

Our mailing address is still: PO Box 2109 Preston DC VIC 3072

## Connect with the Inner North Community Foundation



We wish you the very best for the holiday season and a wonderful New Year!

Thanks for reading and we hope to see you around our community,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharon'.

Sharon Nathani  
**Executive Officer**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miles'.

Miles Openshaw  
**Communications Officer**

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