



NSW Public Education's Charity of Choice

Proudly serving NSW public school
children since 1931

STEWART HOUSE

REQUEST FOR REGULAR SALARY DEDUCTION

Stewart House is NSW Public Education's CHARITY OF CHOICE

Stewart House was built in 1931 at South Curl Curl, through the unqualified support of the NSW Teachers Federation and the NSW Department of Education. We have survived financially over the years because of the compassionate support from NSW public schools and their staff. Staff from public schools and offices in NSW are Stewart House's only regular donors.

Sometimes welfare concerns for our students cannot all be satisfactorily addressed in the school environment. Stewart House exists to provide certain of these students with an opportunity for a break from their current circumstances. Over the years, more than 160,000 children have benefited from a stay at Stewart House.

Every two weeks of the school year, ninety public school children from designated areas of the state attend Stewart House School for eight of their twelve days stay. We appreciate the financial and staffing support provided by the NSW Department of Education and Training, NSW Health and the University of NSW for the operation of a special school and our health screening and treatment facilities.

Children are supported by Stewart House staff between 3.30pm and 9.00am, weekdays and across the weekend of their stay. These staff are not government employees and their salaries are met from charitable contributions. This includes the employment of cooks, cleaners, laundry and maintenance staff as well as qualified out-of-school hours supervisors to look after the 90 children on a rostered basis for over 18 hours each week day and 48 hours on the weekend.

The children's meals, accommodation, supervision, personal care and recreational activities are all sourced from donations to Stewart House. Donations, including salary contributions, are managed by Stewart House in its capacity as a not-for-profit company. We need \$2.5million annually to fund all aspects of the children's stay.

We ask that you join over 7,500 of your colleagues in making an ongoing donation to Stewart House. Would you miss \$4 from your pay. It would go directly to care for children in need that could have been identified in your own school. A \$4 per fortnight deduction over 12 months would fund one full day of a child's stay but any fortnightly contribution you could afford would be greatly appreciated and give a much needed boost to our finances.

As a recognized NSW charity, all donations over \$2 are tax deductible and the ATO will accept the deduction outlined on your payslip as evidence of donation. Should you require further information please visit our website www.stewarthouse.org.au or phone us on 02 99383100 or talk to a colleague who may well already be a salary contributor.

Please consider a commitment to ensuring that public school children from across NSW receive appropriate and much needed support. Should you wish to donate to Stewart House, please complete the following and forward this page with the other documents you have been requested to complete.



YES, I want to support the commitment Stewart House has to NSW public school children in need.

To the Accountant, NSW Department of Education and Training,
authority for contribution from NSW Department of Education and Training Salary.

I would like to: contribute a fortnightly donation to Stewart House increase my current contribution

For the amount of: \$4.00 \$8.00 \$10.00 \$20.00 \$..... other amount

I agree that my contribution will automatically increase annually in line with the official CPI.

Surname:

Given names:

Signed: Date:

Address:

Suburb: Postcode:

Serial number: Current school:

Telephone: Mobile:

Email:

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Fax back to (02) 9907 1638 or register online via www.stewarthouse.org.au.

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NSW TEACHERS FEDERATION

- 1929** ▶ NSWTF president, NSW Department Education and Health medical officers propose concept of a Preventorium for malnourished public school children suffering from ill health, isolation and poverty.
- 1931** ▶ Hospital, Health & Relief Society of the NSWTF opens Stewart House – boys came from inner city and the girls from Young district. Land leased from Health (subsequently granted to Stewart House), £7,000 from Sir Frederick Stewart for building costs.
- 1931 - 1937** ▶ Hospital & Relief Society controls Stewart House and needs £2,600 per year to maintain (doors close often for up to 6 months). Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital & Relief Society released by Education for one month each year to fundraise in schools across the state. Story of Stewart House broadcast fortnightly on 2CH and children joined the birthday club.
- 1937** ▶ Nine member board appointed by the Council of Federation (NSW Teachers Federation). Teachers instructed to exclude all charity fundraising from schools apart from the Stewart House Appeal.
- 1939** ▶ Board succeeds in classifying Stewart House as a hospital. Arthur McGuiness, NSW Teachers Federation President appointed chairman of board (1939 – 1960). Board members now appointed by NSW Government and NSWTF.
- 1941** ▶ Arthur McGuiness devotes half his role to that of Stewart House fundraiser and half to NSW Teachers Federation (6 months salary allowed by Department of Education and Public Service Board).
- 1946** ▶ Hospital school established onsite. Education builds their first permanent building (wooden portable).
- 1950** ▶ Used clothing appeal inaugurated in conjunction with The Smith Family (continues in metropolitan schools to present day).
- 1955** ▶ Department of Education agrees to pay the cost of the superintendent's salary formerly met by the charity.
- 1956** ▶ Cottage built in grounds for use by superintendent / principal.
- 1964** ▶ Two classrooms, principal's office and staffroom erected on Stewart House site.
- 1974** ▶ Special appeal raises \$200K for new dorms and school that were approved in 1972. Health Commission grants \$400K towards building costs. Second cottage acquired for use by deputy principal.
- 1977** ▶ Purpose built SSP, dormitory / dining / recreation facility opens at a total cost of \$1.4M – accommodating intakes of high school students. Enrolments jump from 60 to 90+ per intake.
- 1978** ▶ No funds – no secondary intake (new dorms closed).
- 1979** ▶ Department of Education grants Teachers Federation's request for teachers to be able to have fortnightly contribution to Stewart House deducted from pay.
- 1989** ▶ Roofing fails on both school and upper building – Health and Education joint fund restoration \$150K a piece. Stewart House becomes a Statutory Health Corporation.
- 1996** ▶ Hot water and heating systems in junior dormitories were upgraded in line with new regulations \$100K.
- 2006** ▶ Major fire systems across all buildings on site in accordance with Warringah Council regulations upgraded at a cost of over \$400K.
- 2008** ▶ Stewart House declared an Affiliated Health Organisation – new company limited by guarantee formed. Board directors appointed according to constitution and from understandings with stakeholders.
- 2009** ▶ MoU with NSW Education and Training finalised – Recurrent funding of \$200K established. Letters of intent with NSWTF and NSW Federation of P&Cs struck. MoU with NSW Health proposed.
- 2010** ▶ Stewart House affirmed as NSW public education's CHARITY OF CHOICE through bipartisan agreement with NSW Education and Training and NSW Teachers Federation. Major renovations to children's bathrooms. 80 year old guttering replaced on lower building and external painting.
- 2011** ▶ Commemoration of 80 years of caring for children from NSW and ACT public schools.

