



Ending homelessness
in Brisbane one person,
one family at a time

500 Lives 500 Homes - a coalition of
government and non-government
agencies supported by the Queensland
Government's **Home for Good** initiative
and Brisbane City Council

Remember Jason?

On 6 June 2010 the Brisbane Times published a story... **“Jason is one of Brisbane’s 350 rough sleepers but he hopes to become a happier statistic soon”** (Read more: <http://tinyurl.com/citysrroughsleepers>)

After experiencing homelessness for five years, in October 2010 through the 50 Lives 50 Homes campaign, Jason received the keys to his new flat in Moorooka.

Fast forward to June 2014... Jason has now been housed for almost four years. No longer in his studio flat in Moorooka, Jason has moved to a larger home so his three children can stay. As well as having friends and family over to visit, Jason goes fishing, attends a community meal and is happy.

June 2014 marks the 4th anniversary of the 50 Lives 50 Homes campaign and more than 230 people living on the streets of Brisbane have been housed.

Housing people in permanent affordable accommodation, with the support to help them remain housed, ensures they will avoid the cycle of homelessness that often occurs for those unable to manage alone.



Above: Jason interviewed during the
50 Lives 50 Homes Registry Week in 2010.
Right: Jason in his unit, 2012.



Right: After living on the streets for over two and a half years, in October 2010 Jason received the keys to his new flat in Moorooka.

Poverty, social exclusion and isolation continue to impact on many people who live in Brisbane and the housing crisis shows no signs of abating. The rising rental prices and high cost of living compounds the vulnerability of people subsisting on low incomes.

You can help to end homelessness for one person, like Jason, who is currently experiencing homelessness.

A key factor in making housing work for people who are exiting chronic homelessness is the crucial 'move-in' period. It is essential that people move into homes that are furnished and fitted-out to give them the best chance of starting over. A house is not a home without the facilities to cook, clean, sleep and relax.

Your donation will help end homelessness for one person or family in Brisbane.

All donations made to the Winter Appeal will go directly to a fund for families and individuals who have been housed through the 500 Lives 500 Homes campaign to help set up their new homes.

Even a donation as small as \$5 will help towards the cost of setting up a new home.

To give you an idea of what your donation will go towards please see the list of approximate establishment costs for a studio apartment, then head to our website to make a donation: **www.micahprojects.org.au/donate** and select **500 Lives 500 Homes** from the drop down list.