

Embracing Ministries

An initiative of the Anglican Church of Canberra and Goulburn

June 2019



Volunteers Week



May 20 - 26 we celebrated volunteer week. We give thanks for all our volunteers, their wonderful service and selfless contributions to the people and programs in Embracing Ministries.

This past year, in my work with Embracing Ministries I have been a witness to the wonderful power of our volunteers. Without them many of our programs would not be possible.

They bring smiles and happiness to the lives of others. They are truly inspiring, not just to me but also to the families that we support.



Story from a volunteer

I volunteered at Little Treasures holiday program for the first time this year. It is an amazing program that promotes the inclusion of children with disabilities. As an allied health professional working with children, inclusion is something I highly value. The program provides such a wonderful opportunity for children, mentors and families to connect and develop relationships when they may not have otherwise had the chance.



The activities offered are amazing and allow participants to learn about their faith. It is also so affordable, meaning families that usually couldn't access specialised music, sports and holidays programs can attend.

Andrea and her team are truly inspirational. They have so much passion and energy that results in a program that is well organised, enjoyable and enriching. I think everyone involved takes something positive out of it.

Embracing Ministries

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Important dates

15th and 22nd June

Minnows Movement Bend and Stretch free trials

21st-23rd June

Retreat to the Abbey

2nd August

Bubs and Tots Minnows Music 8-week term

10th August,

6-week term of Minnow Movement Bend and Stretch Commences

10th August

Minnows Music commences

26th-28 July

Retreat at Long Beach



Retreats

In the next couple of months, we have two retreats. The first is one the **21st-23rd June** at the Benedictine Abbey, this will be a time of pray, meditation and Bible study or a space just to relax and be cared for.

On the **26th-28th of July** we are having another retreat at Long Beach for a time of relaxation.

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Minnows Movement Bend and Stretch

All children, including those with special needs, can benefit from the energy release and pure enjoyment of exercise.

Minnows Movement Bend and Stretch, is a group for primary school children with special needs and their families to experience movement and be encouraged to think, play, create, construct and solve problems with their own bodies and in turn build their coordination and confidence.

Come along and join us in crawling, walking, jumping & landing safely, hopping, running, skipping, balancing, coordination challenges, stretching, throwing and catching beanbags/ balls/ hula hoops, bouncing on a trampoline, dancing, singing along to music and parachute games.

If you have a child with special needs who would like to try Minnows Movement, please contact:

info@embracingministries.org

We have two trial sessions this term 15th & 22nd June 2019



Sibling Care

We start Sibling Care in August. A chance for upper primary school children to meet, have fun and share in experiences with others of a similar age.

If you are interested call Andrea on 0404 256 714.

Embracing Ministries would like to thank those who have supported us in so many ways over the past few years. Those who volunteer, pray and support us financially. Without this vital support our programs, training and retreats would not be possible. We are so blessed with the support we have received; we are now able to reach many more families through our outreach programs.

We thank God and give thanks for the generosity of so many who have donated to Embracing Ministries, towards our refugee program, retreats and camps. We especially would like to acknowledge The Canberra Chinese Christian Church, Anglicare and the Stening Charitable Trust for their generous donations. Thanks to their support, Embracing Ministries can now offer two new programs

In August we start our much-needed siblings' program, offering care to siblings of children with special needs. We are so excited later this term to begin Minnows Movement bend and stretch to support children who need a more specialised sports program.

Free Webinar: An Overview of Spiritual Needs in Disability

Our health system is often focused on the technical or medical aspects of treating a person living with a disability, but is often not as focused on how to approach the person holistically. In particular, spiritual needs are often completely missed.

This webinar is designed for Christian health professionals, academics and people living with a disability. Our goal is to offer a space to discuss this vital but often neglected area of spiritual needs in disability.

St Mark's National Theological Centre and the Christian Occupational Therapist Fellowship Australia (COTFA) are hosting this webinar: 17 July 2019, 6:30-8:30pm. For more information please contact mail.cotfa@gmail.com

Embracing Ministries presents:

AMBER NICHOLS & KATIE DE VEAU

2015 finalist The Voice

International singer & song writer

An evening of Music, Coffee and Dessert

To raise funds for children with disabilities, who do not receive government funding for therapies and equipment, and for an accessible van to transport them.

Saturday 20 July 2019

6.30 for 7.00pm Mosaic Baptist Church Dallachy Street, Page ACT

Tickets available: www.trybooking.com/BDCYT

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