



Impact Report

Organisation name

Mama Lana's Community Foundation

Your name and position

Lana Borg - Founder

Please tell us a short story about someone who has benefited from this funding.

We have had many of our patrons benefit due to the money we received as well as myself and other volunteers. The new oven has meant that the meals have been able to be prepared in a much shorter time frame and all under the one roof. Volunteers have been able to come to our little white house and prepare the meals with much more ease and in a more controlled environment being able to stick to the guidelines of health and safety regulations. Lana and Roger has benefited the most by being able to take the cooking and storage away from their own private residence and giving some normality back to their lives.

Please describe the impact that the specific TFN funding has had.

Same as above

Please provide a quantitative breakdown of how TFN funds have been used

Commercial Oven including installation \$35,000

Stainless steel splash back \$1200

Commercial Freezer \$5000

12 months Electricity \$8800

12 months Running Costs \$3200

Foil Trays and take away containers \$5400

Rehab \$3500

Describe any ways the funding was used that differs from that described your original pitch

As we received a lot more than what we pitched on the day, we were able to cover running costs and electricity that we didnt take into consideration as well as paying for rehab to 5 clients costing \$700 each

How many people have been affected by programs or activities that were supported with TFN funding?

On average, we help 500 people per week with our free meal service. We have seen an increase almost every night since opening the doors to our Little White House. We have been able to take on more Domestic Violence cases through the Penrith womens health centre as well as other referrals through Centrelink, Nepean Hospital and Link-to-home.

The most important one that we feel is being able to pay for private rehab which our clients just do not have the money for.

What measures did you use to assess the impact?

We have visually seen the impact on our patrons being personally involved with them on a daily basis. We have had patrons that no longer need our service who we have helped through rehab, then housed and then linked them to services they need to keep their lives on their new path.

Describe three ways that your organisation has changed in the last 12 months since the event

Our organisation has changed immensely over the past 12 months. Having our own premises with a commercial oven and functional working space that everyone, volunteers and patrons alike that can all work alongside each other to better the lives of the less fortunate. Being able to give our patrons their dignity back and make them feel like they have a purpose and are needed and wanted has been a huge accomplishment. Also being able to have our donations and our storage all at the one premises has allowed for a more efficient running process.

Over the last 12 months, did you receive any additional financial support from anyone you met through TFN?

No

Over the last 12 months, did you receive any goods in-kind and/or pro-bono services from anyone you met through TFN?

No

How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives this year?

We would have found it difficult to achieve our objectives without TFN funding

Has the TFN pitch coaching and mentoring helped you successfully secure funding from other sources you did not meet through TFN?

Yes

How much and from whom?

\$3000 from IOOF

What were some of the other benefits of participating in TFN?

Participating in TFN especially the pitch coaching, has given Lana more self confidence to be able to do more talks at clubs and schools to help promote our cause and spread awareness.

Do you have any other comments or feedback on the TFN experience or funding process?

Loved the whole experience!