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SHINE for Kids

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SHINE VOLUNTEERS ACKNOWLEDGED

Volunteers who work for SHINE for Kids are being thanked and honoured at a series of dinners starting this month.

The CEO of Shine for Kids, Gloria Larman said: "An organisation like ours could not exist, nor survive, without a dedicated group of volunteers who help us with our services to children of prisoners.

"So each year, SHINE for Kids acknowledges their contribution with our Volunteer Recognition Dinners in NSW, Victoria and the ACT."

The series of eight dinners kicked off last week with a dinner for SHINE's Kempsey Centre volunteers, held at South West Rocks.

Based at the Mid North Coast Correctional Centre, the Kempsey office runs a Child and Family Centre for young visitors as well as the ground-breaking Belonging to Family Program, a culturally specific program which links Aboriginal offenders to family and community support during their transition back into the community.

"These Kempsey volunteers epitomise the dedication and commitment that is at the core of all our SHINE for Kids volunteers," Ms Larman said.

"Without the more than three hundred volunteers who work with us across all our centres, we could not provide the crucial help and support that we offer the children of prisoners."

The recognition of the volunteers continues tonight with a dinner at the Rules Club in Wagga Wagga, thanking SHINE volunteers who work with the families of inmates at Junee.

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For three decades **SHINE for Kids**, a non-profit organisation supported by governments and other benefactors and stakeholders, has worked with and for young Australians affected by family member involvement in the criminal justice system. The organisation has supported them, helped create hope and inspired them to reach their potential.

In NSW, **SHINE for Kids** centres are located at Silverwater, Parklea, Windsor, Kariong, Bathurst, Cessnock, Wellington, Junee and Kempsey. In Victoria, there is an office at Footscray and programs operating at Lara (Barwon) and Ravenhall. There is also a program operating in Canberra at the Alexander Maconochie facility.

More information on SHINE for Kids can be found at www.shineforkids.org.au



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