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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Family carers needed

ON ANY given night there are young people all over Northern NSW who need a safe home for a few nights ... and you can help.

Social Futures and Pathfinders are seeking Family Carers for the Homeless Youth Assistance Program to open their hearts and homes for young people aged 12-15 years from Grafton to Tweed Heads.

Family Carers help young people to have some time out in a safe environment in order to help prevent them becoming homeless or being caught up in the cycle of homelessness.

Young people will be placed with Family Carers by our HYAP Case Managers for up to 28 days while they work with the young person and their family and extended family to heal ruptured family relationships and explore opportunities for long term, safe, supported accommodation.

Family Carers will provide young people with a safe and caring place to stay, while they and their families are supported to heal ruptured family relationships. The whole process is well supported by qualified, fully trained staff.

If you have ever wanted to genuinely help another person, if you have a compassionate heart and a spare room in your home, then this could be your opportunity.

Carers will receive a retainer to ensure they are available exclusively to support the HYAP program. This will be supplemented with a nightly accommodation placement allowance consistent with OOHC intensive foster care rates.

— Jennifer Parke  
HYAP Manager

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