

**"The future does have a name...
and its name is hope." – Pope Francis**

PROJECT COMPASSION

This year's Project Compassion showcases the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Through a holistic approach Caritas is working with communities providing hope for a just and fair world regardless of their ethnicity, political beliefs, gender or religion. We are assisting children, women and men to break free from the cycle of poverty whilst ensuring they are the architects of their own development.

Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.

Lives change when we all give 100%.



Thandolwayo, Zimbabwe

Twelve-year-old Thandolwayo would walk seven kilometres each day, threatened by crocodiles, to collect contaminated water for her family. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia supported project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope.



Tati, Indonesia

Tati lives in the remote forest of West Kalimantan. She is a mother of three who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.



Peter, Solomon Islands

Peter is thrilled to now have clean water on tap at his boarding school. Long walks to unsafe water sources were tiring for Peter, who is living with a disability. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with a brighter future.



Michaela, Australia

Michaela is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis center in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.



Salma, Bangladesh

You may remember Salma, who featured in Project Compassion 2013. At the time she was pregnant with her first child, sick and terribly frightened. In distress, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program. Six years on, she's now a healthy mother of two strong, happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the education they need to provide them with the future she hoped for.



Nguyet, Vietnam

Living with a disability was challenging for Nguyet. Yet, since featuring in Project Compassion 2017, Nguyet has successfully built her own business, a dream that has become a reality with the support of Caritas Australia. Connected to the world in new ways, Nguyet has become independent, an important member of her community and has great hope for her future.

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WHAT YOUR DONATIONS CAN DO



 **\$45**
Zimbabwe

can buy school supplies for a student like Thandolwayo in Zimbabwe, who dreams of becoming a nurse.



 **\$150**
Vietnam

provides the opportunity for a child like Nguyet to attend group learning activities with other children living with disabilities, increasing their confidence and their communication skills.



 **\$325**
Bangladesh

will provide the initial training course for a rural midwife who can help mums like Salma in Bangladesh to safely give birth to their babies.



 **\$1250**
Indonesia


helps a remote indigenous community such as Tati's to establish a sustainable livelihood in the forests of Indonesia.

Your donations to Project Compassion offer hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

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