



VoRTCS Connect

June, 2015

Congratulations Rachael - Young Philanthropist of the Year 2015

Our very own SUPERSTAR!

It has been a particularly exciting month and one full of emotion as we congratulate our Vice President, Rachael Taylor, who won Queensland Community Foundation's Young Philanthropist of the Year Award for 2015.

Rachael has been vital to the growth and success of the VoRTCS program, joining as a volunteer tutor in 2008. Over the past 7 years, Rachael has led the way as our tutor trainer, training team leader, tutor mentor and our Committee Vice President. This is not to mention the long list of other organisations Rachael volunteers her time to as well!



We are very happy that Rachael's fantastic contribution to the settling and supporting of hundreds of refugee families has been recognised and celebrated. Congratulations Rachael!

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Kids Camp Update - Only one more week!

Are you coming?

We are happy to report that the Vinnies Kids Camp is looking like the best camp yet!

Taking place on the 10th, 11th and 12th July, we have over 30 VoRTCS children and 20 Youth kids attending. We've been blown away by the amazing number of volunteers signing up for the weekend and can't wait to meet everyone.

LUMINOUS Lantern Parade

What a night!

It was a dazzling beginning of June for VoRTCS as we joined the wider St Vincent de Paul Society team in the Luminous Lantern Parade, held in South Bank Parklands. We were delighted to see thousands of Queenslanders come from all walks of life to welcome new arrivals to Queensland. The parade was a captivating display. Lanterns took on the form of native and exotic animals, otherworldly shapes and childhood characters.

VoRTCS proudly carried two lantern characters: Dirtgirl and Scrapboy. It was exciting to see the faces of refugees also light up. The night ended on a high note at the Courier-Mail Piazza for concert filled with world music and dance.

WELCOMEfest - World Refugee Week Festival

Over 25,000 people attended the event this year

WelcomeFest 2015 was an incredible day out, with food, dancing, music and all things cultural to celebrate and enjoy! Armed with an amazing team of volunteers, the VoRTCS tent set about creating hundreds of face masks for children, as well as inviting kids to play with the hoola hoops and grip ball and being on hand to provide information on our program.

It proved to be a great success, with the masks being seen on kids all throughout the festival, and the program getting lots of enquiries from interested festival goers. When volunteers managed to get a break from the VoRTCS tent and take in the festival, they were treated to an array of exciting cultural food options, dance and musical displays and even animal petting zoos!



Multicultural Community Picnic in July!

A fun day for everyone

North Brisbane you are up, on **Sunday 26 July** VoRTCS will be hosting our second community picnic for 2015 in one of your suburbs.

This family activity will allow tutors and other friends to eat, laugh and play together in our wonderful Brisbane parks. Winter sunshine, home-made food or the traditional Aussie B-B-Q will treat both the mind and soul. Take some time-out to enjoy other cultures and share your own. Use this outing to cycle, bus or train ride to the destination accompanied by your family.

Any suggestions where to have the picnic would be great. Email Sally on salstubb@gmail.com with your ideas and/or questions.

WELCOMEfest & Luminous Parade Thank You's

Thank you to all those who came along and represented the VoRTCS Program!



Sally S
Tina K
Rachel L
Zoe W
Marcela N
Jacinta W
Lee H
Colleen G
Libby & Roy K
Theresa S
Trish M
Marion M
Lauren B
Carolyn S
Renee M
Brett M
Joe D & family
June & Chris C
Peter R
John C
Cass B
Jaime W

VoRTCS Tutor Survey

Improving the program for all

The report has been sent to the Committee for evaluation.

Thanks to all the individuals and teams who submitted a Survey. Your valuable input ensures the continuing improvement in the lives of our refugees and our ability to assist you in that vital role. We will gladly take comments/criticism of the Survey format and recipient response methods to improve the October Survey.

Volunteers who wish to have an input into the design of the next Survey are requested to give their names to Bianca.

Tutor Library

It's OPEN!

The 6th of July heralds the availability of the re-catalogued tutoring resources now housed in glass-fronted shelves at Merivale Street.



Please contact Bianca to arrange your visit if you want to browse or a tutor resource pack can be assembled for you by our Librarian Rosemary to pick up when time is scarce. Access the catalogue at: vortcs.svdp.cmeweb.libcode.com.au/index.php

VoRTCS Resource Guides

Your Ultimate Tutoring Resource

Many of our VoRTCS families need assistance in areas outside of just English tutoring. Check out our VoRTCS Resource Guides which are accessible via our 'Links' tab at www.refugeetutoring.org.

Recipe of the Month

Moroccan Chickpea Stew

Ingredients

- 1 Tablespoon oil
- 1 Small onion

Anita
Jenny M
Rebecca P

Save the Date!

Don't miss out!

Exciting events taking place that VoRTCS will be involved in.

Friday 10 - Sunday 12 July - Vinnies Kids Camp, Coolum

Sunday 26 July - Multicultural Community Picnic, TBA

Sunday 6 September - Bridge to Brisbane 2015

Sunday 13 September - Multicultural Community Picnic, TBA

Sunday 22 November - End of Year Volunteer Celebration 4-6pm

You're important to us!

This newsletter is created 'for you - by you'

We want to hear your feedback and any ideas for future stories. Send your thoughts to info.vortcs@svdpqld.org.au.

If you know any volunteers not receiving this newsletter please let us know as they're missing out on all the info!

2 Cloves garlic,
2 minced
Teaspoons ground
½ cumin and
1 coriander
½ Teaspoon pepper
Teaspoon garam
3 masala
1 Curry powder
1 Pinch of salt
1 Potatoes, diced
1 400g can tomatoes
1 Cup tomato sauce
Cup golden raisins
400g can chickpeas
Bunch of Kale or
any other green,
leafy vegetable.

Directions

1. Heat the oil in a large pot over medium heat; cook the onion and garlic in the hot oil until the onions are translucent, 5 - 7 minutes. Stir into the pot the cumin, coriander, pepper, garam masala, curry powder and salt; cook until fragrant, about 1 minute.
2. Add the potatoes, tomatoes - diced, tomato sauce and raisins to the pot. Cover with just enough water to cover, bring to the boil, reduce the heat to a simmer and cook until the potatoes are soft; 10 - 15 minutes.
3. Add the rinsed and drained chickpeas and kale to the pot; simmer until the kale wilts, about 3 minutes. Sprinkle with fresh, chopped coriander if desired. Serve over couscous.

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