

After all of this, a wonderful presentation from Michele Wyman, Manager of the Young Parents Program, which is now much more comfortable with funding from both Health and Education sectors.

How thrilled we were to hear this news, as this program has been vulnerable with uncertain funding, in the past.

Michele talked about the medical services available to the young mums and their babies, on site, along with childcare and other related services. Most students are completing their SACE over time, (enrolled at Thebarton Senior Secondary) and many going onto further study. The program has expanded now into the northern suburbs.

Best news story for quite some time and what sense it makes to support these young people as they make their way through life as such young parents.

SI Adelaide has supported this program for probably 5 years now, with stationery packs donated at the end of each year. The number of packs we've donated has increased every year, which is wonderful.

Of course, the success of this program is due in no small part to the dedication of Michele and her staff.

Following the completion of Michele's presentation, it was our turn to present our Home Essentials donation to Kendy Whitmore from Eastern DV services. This is another ongoing donation and Kendy is so grateful for the basics we provide. These basics are used when their clients move out into their own accommodation. Setting up house can be expensive.

We provide essentials such as brooms and mops, buckets, dustpans and brooms, laundry baskets, pegs, chux and coathangers. Frequently there are also donations of shampoo and conditioner in addition to a collection of small packs from hotel and motel stays.

Previously this donation was given at the end of the year, but we've moved it more towards the middle of the year. This will alleviate some financial pressure on members, as we have a Christmas raffle, stationery packs, SI Fees due plus our personal end of year expenses.