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Since 1996 Emerald Hill Mission has focused on providing a community service to the needy in the inner suburban communities of Melbourne.

A committee of five local business people together with a band of volunteers, help meet the day to day requirements of those in need, mainly in the City of Port Phillip.

Emerald Hill Mission supports one full time outreach worker, local identity Henry Nissen. In January 2002, Henry was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in recognition of his many years of service to the community.

Under a tight budget the Emerald Hill Mission has continued to operate many services for the benefit of the community. We believe that the activities of the Emerald Hill Mission make inner city Melbourne a better place.

Services Provided by the Mission

- “Open House” A team of volunteers based at the Emerald Hill Mission’s Head Office in South Melbourne provides food parcels, food vouchers and counselling to various disadvantaged individuals and families between the hours of 10.00am and 3.00pm Monday to Friday. Open House provides over 140 meals and 40 food parcels per week.
- The Emerald Hill Mission undertakes various activities targeted particularly at disadvantaged families and older single people. This includes weekly barbecues, overnight emergency accommodation, family mediation, counselling for drug and alcohol problems, assistance with job seeking and other activities.
- A fully fitted bus operated by the Emerald Hill Mission provides food and services to various disadvantaged groups. Emerald Hill Mission also arranges short-term accommodation needs.
- Henry Nissen provides local families with food, financial support, furniture and accommodation. Henry either represents or appears as a character witness for local youths at the Melbourne Magistrates’ Court. Henry also organises recreational activities for local youth such as football, cricket and basketball teams in the *Reclink* competition.
- The Emerald Hill Mission currently assists the education of disadvantaged children (two in Year 8 and one in Year 7 in 2002) in gaining full secondary education at various independent schools in the local area. The results are supervised, however for the dignity of the children and to spare any embarrassment, the Mission’s assistance remains discreet.
- Mary’s Wayside Chapel provides services to women who work or have worked in brothels. The programs assist these women to seek alternative employment and assist them with their emotional and material problems.

2002 In Review

The Committee of Emerald Hill Mission is confident that in 2002 it offered a meaningful contribution to the community. From increased corporate and local donors Emerald Hill Mission saw a rise in the level of income that saw a cash surplus of \$10,904 compared to a cash deficit of \$7,004 in 2001.

Expenses increased generally for 2002, motor vehicle expenses in particular rising due to the purchase of a new vehicle for Henry Nissen. For the 2003 year we expect most of the expenses to rise as the demand for our services continues to increase.

Apart for the highlight of Henry Nissen's OAM earlier this year, the fundraising sub-committee must also be congratulated for their efforts in organising the successful Race Day at Flemington in February and Wine Tasting evening in August. These two events raised profits of \$20,500.

The Committee would like to express its special thanks to Jonathon Rothfield and Tony Leonard for hosting our race day. In addition, the Committee would like to thank Eliza Brown and Peter Brown of All Saints Winery, Rutherglen for their generous support and sponsorship of the wine tasting night.

To ensure the ongoing work of Emerald Hill Mission the Committee believes it is necessary to build its capital base. This is the only way for a charity, without government assistance, to continue and grow in the long term.

Once a stronger base has been built, Emerald Hill Mission will expand its services for those in need. This will be accomplished without cutting existing services and establishing a stronger presence in the corporate market. We would anticipate that this stronger presence will lead to increased funding from corporate sponsors.

The Committee remains focused on the balance between maintaining an appropriate level of service to the community while operating within the constraints of obtaining adequate funding. With appropriate funding Emerald Hill Mission could increase its presence on the streets thereby easing the heavy load currently borne by Henry Nissen.

The Committee would like to thank all its volunteers for their efforts in 2002 and looks forward to their continued support in 2003.

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