

CASE STUDY:

Investors can help



MARSS aims to provide affordable accommodation to humanitarian entrants, through the Investors Can Help program.

Housing program of Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services of the ACT Inc. (MARSS)

The Investors Can Help program, which MARSS launched in 2012, continues to be successful and still maintains a healthy success rate of linking MARSS clients with potential landlords/Investors/Homeowners.

As part of the housing program, MARSS clients are provided with affordable permanent accommodation.

MARSS provided accommodation to all its clients who arrived into Canberra under the humanitarian program over the last five years.

Investors with an altruistic nature or with a sense of social justice have the opportunity to invest by investing through their residential property.

Successful Outcomes:

The Kirinya family arrived in Canberra in June 2017 and were initially housed in an Refugee Transitional Housing Property (RTHP) in O'Connor. The couple have five children; an elder son in his twenties, three teenagers and a young daughter. As it was a large family with young children, they needed to be re-located to into an appropriate LTA so that they have more space. A refurbished four bedroomed house was sourced and secured by MARSS in June in Gunghalin, through a real estate. The family was ecstatic to move into their new home and has happily settled.

AT A GLANCE



Target Participants
Migrant youths from a refugee background



Aim
To provide affordable accommodation to humanitarian entrants.



Organisations Involved
MARSS, Real Estate and private investors



Location
Canberra, Australia



Funding
MARSS

On arrival in May 2017, the Hannah family was housed in an RTHP Property in Lyneham. The couple have two young daughters aged 4 years & 8 years. The couple was keen to have a ground level house in the Belconnen area. A three bedroomed ground level house was sourced and secured by MARSS through the investors can help program. The family was ecstatic to move into their new home as it was located in close proximity to the school, family GP, church etc.

**Maqdasi
Hannah**
from Iraq

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