

# SAM GUNSSER COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Hebrews 11:10: For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.**



I am excited to announce that we have officially started with the process of building the Sam Gunsser community centre. We have finalised the building design and are now in the process of getting the design certified and through the town planning process. We are hoping to officially break ground in early 2023. The youth centre will be erected on Elizabeth Avenue on the grounds of the Citipointe Redcliffe Church premises. In conjunction with the community, the church will oversee a variety of programs which will be implemented in the new space. The project has been divided into two phases; however, we are hoping to get enough financial support to conclude the project in one phase. This is only the first of many infrastructure projects to come which will benefit our communities for decades to come.

The Youth of our country are in desperate need of attention. In the Northside of Brisbane, we are home to the highest rate of teen pregnancy in our state. Generational poverty and teen crime reach their climax in this very location. Gangs and initiation crimes claim the lives of countless young people every year, every month, every week. Drugs and drug related crimes are ravaging homes, families, and the community on our doorstep. We are un-matched. When census is taken and demographics are measured, the children, teens and young adults feature strongly in this region and stand out from the nation for all the wrong reasons.

Within the Sam Gunsser community centre, we will create a space where our young people can come and gather. To create a community of young people that will help one another, love one another, and receive guidance and mentorship which will touch so many lives and prepare them life's journey. We will create a space that our youth can enjoy times of fellowship together in an environment that stimulates them; an environment that they want to invite their peers to join them.

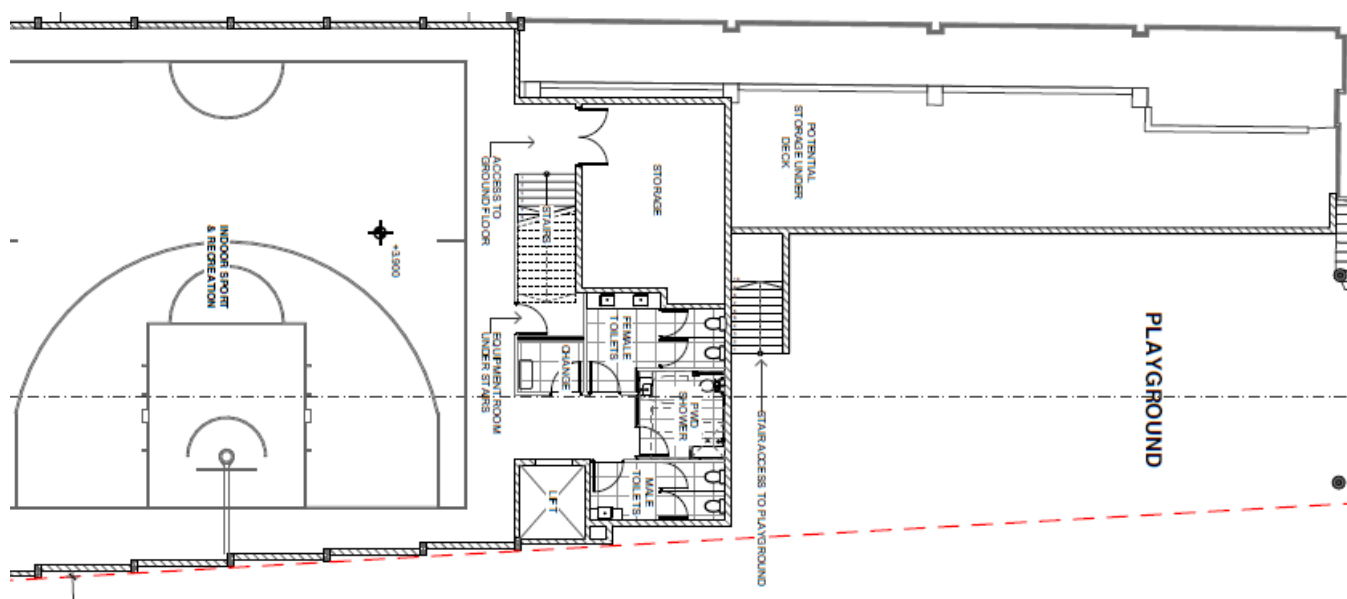
We live in an altered world, a world where our youth are growing up in a mixed reality, between the physical world and the virtual world. The physical world is far more troubled than it has ever been, and we have no idea what long term impact the virtual world will have. We have no idea what kind of adults are going to be a product of this new mixed reality. It is time of intercession. It is not only up to the government, to the religious groups and not for profit organisations: It is up to all of us and the greater community at large. It is the only way to design a generation for the future.

As parents, grandparents, and caregivers, we need all the help we can get in preparing our young people for the challenges that life will bring their way. Looking at what is happening in the world around us, the next generation is going to face far greater challenges than we have had to navigate in the past. We have a responsibility to help them get prepared to face these challenges. We live in the greatest country in the world, but like so many other countries, our youth are lacking guidance, mentorship, and direction. Our youth are the foundation of the future, and they will shape how this world and how this region will look in the next 10, 20, and 30 years.

Let us talk about return on investment: How many people need to benefit from this development to make it a worthwhile investment? How many young people need to be guided away from suicide to make this investment worthwhile? How many people need to break the cycle of abuse in their homes, to turn away from drug abuse or alcohol to make this investment worthwhile? One person. To know that we have succeeded based on one success story, any additional life saved or altered to that one is a bonus.

We are so excited to get this started; We have a mountain to climb but we say bring it on! To bring this vision into reality, we need to collect \$3.6 million. This is an impossible task to achieve alone, thank goodness we are not alone!

The Community Centre will include a 120-seater auditorium, a half-court basketball court / gymnasium, and counseling rooms for more intimate mentorship sessions. The space will have disability access via a lift and be linked to the fully equipped café.



Our community is fired up about realising this vision and what this new space could do for some many people within our community. We will touch so many lives, for and beyond our youth and we are highly encouraged by the passion so many in the community have expressed for this new space: from assisting youth with life skills, practical teaching in our community, music lessons, cooking lessons, exercise programs to a place in which our community small and medium business network could come together. All these things can be achieved, not just through bricks and water which we need today, but through the people that will bring these programs to life for decades to come.

We are asking for individuals and business to invest in our community. No contribution is too small. If you sell tools, if you are able, pledge the profit from every size 10 spanner you sell. If your business cannot afford to pledge from its existing products and services- start selling something in addition to your current offer, anything, "bottles of water" – it may seem strange to your customer but explain to them why you are selling it and encourage them to join the apple a day pledge themselves. It all starts with a conversation.

If 10 000 people could afford to give \$1 per day for one year, we would achieve our capital requirement in one year. That is \$7.00 per week – what we need is literally the difference between a medium coffee and a small coffee every day (\$1.00 per day). As an individual you can play a part in building a brighter future- it takes as little as \$1.00 per day or a once off donation to help finance this project.

## Companies who wish to sponsor:

We are looking for businesses to join our Apple a Day initiative which will assist us in achieving this vision and the next to come, because we are only just getting started. If you believe you have a product or service which you can pledge into the future of our nation, please send us an email telling us your story of how you selected the product and a bit of history about why you would like to be part of this project. We want to share your story with our customers! Scanning a QR code on a multiple of platforms will allow customers to find out more about this project and which products your business has pledged into the community. Within our stores your story will be exposed to over 100 000 customers per week. All sponsors will be given access to the QR code and encouraged to share this story with their customers and make known the businesses that participate- We want the community to support these products so we can generate more funds to go back into the community. There will also be a wall of sponsors erected in the new youth centre giving recognition to all those key businesses that enabled the development of this project and future projects to come. You weekly/monthly debit or pledge can be cancelled at any time through the same link.



Every customer, every staff member, every person can play a part of this project.

Every \$ invested goes towards to infrastructure development- none of the donations received goes to service fees, management fees etc. We have a dedicated collections platform called: Faith, Love, Hope collections which will create the pathway to the generation of funds required to fund this vision. To give, got to the flowing link <https://pushpay.com/g/citipointe?src=hpp>; click on the Non-Tax deductible icon (Unfortunately tax deductible donations not allowed under Australian Tax law for infrastructure building projects); enter your pledge amount and frequency (or click one off for a one off donation) and be sure to click on the Brisbane Redcliffe location to ensure your pledge is directed towards this project.

We are looking forward to partnering with you to build a brighter future. Please register your email address with me to receive quarterly progress updates including the total amounts collected and the costs incurred to date. We are aiming to be conclude this project by 2024, but this is dependent on the pledges we receive towards this project. If you require more information, please reach out to Dustin Pereira who is project managing this exciting development. Please send an email to make contact: [dustinp@seasonsiga.com.au](mailto:dustinp@seasonsiga.com.au).