



Shared Purpose Statement

Catholic Health Australia

*A Samaritan came near the man who was beaten,
and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion ¹*

**Recognising the many diverse expressions of the healing ministry,
Catholic health, aged and community care services share a common vision and purpose
grounded in the mission of the Gospel so that our shared future is strengthened.**

As a ministry of the Catholic Church, our work is inspired by the person and mission of Jesus, who embraced the world with compassion to bring justice and healing.

We respond to God's call to bring alive the Gospel vision, for the good of all in the communities we serve.

We believe in the sacredness of life and we share the "joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties"² of those who come to us in their vulnerability and need.

¹ Luke 10:33 • ² Gaudium et Spes, 1965, Para 1

Like the Good Samaritan...

- We commit to show love and respect for those we serve and all who work with us, regardless of faith, culture, ability or status.
- We commit to be attentive to the whole person – body, mind and spirit.
- We commit to serve all with the best wisdom, resources and attention we can offer.
- We commit to hear and have heard the voices of all, especially those who are weakest, most vulnerable, neglected and stigmatised in our society.
- We commit to reach out with compassion so every encounter is an opportunity for healing, companionship, comfort and hope.

The Shared Purpose Statement was released in 2012 following extensive consultation with CHA members. It seeks to capture the shared vision and goals motivating the Catholic health, aged and community care sector. It aims to stimulate reflection and discussion among leaders and staff and communicate the unique characteristics that differentiate our services.

Downloads of the Shared Purpose Statement in A3, A4, A6 (pocket card) size are available at:
<http://www.cha.org.au/mission/shared-purpose-statement>