



## Tree of Hope



*Tree of Hope is a program which provides pastoral and counselling support services for people living with HIV/ AIDS and for their primary carers.*

The Tree of Hope centre at Surry Hills is a place of hospitality and welcome. It offers a space for reflection, respite and the development of friendship to all people living with HIV/AIDS.

Caring for or providing support to a person with HIV/AIDS can be hard work, both physically and emotionally. Carers provide better care and support if they look after themselves at the same time.

*This program is run by CatholicCare and is funded through the Archdiocese of Sydney.*

### Do you require more information?

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# What is Tree of Hope?

Tree of Hope is a CatholicCare program which provides pastoral and counselling support services for people living with HIV/AIDS and for their primary carers. This service is open to people from every denomination.

Over the last 10 years ministry to people living with HIV/AIDS has shifted from a focus on care for the dying to care for the living, with the development of a "Community of Care" as a means of providing sustained, ongoing support.

Tree of Hope is an important expression of ministry by CatholicCare to those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS and this unique and explicit pastoral mission, receives funding from the Sydney Archdiocese.



## Who can access Tree of Hope?

Any person may access Tree of Hope if they are:

- living with HIV/AIDS
- caring for someone who is living with HIV/AIDS
- having issues relating to spirituality around HIV/AIDS
- seeking information/resources available to people with HIV/AIDS
- experiencing grief and bereavement issues related to HIV/AIDS
- a service provider for people with HIV/AIDS.

## What does Tree of Hope Provide?

Tree of Hope provides an opportunity for:

- pastoral care and emotional support
- a confidential safe environment
- hospitality and social support
- visitation to clients in their home or 'in care'
- telephone support
- small group support for carers
- contact with other HIV/AIDS service agencies
- information and referral to other agencies.

