



SMALL STEPS 4 HANNAH FOUNDATION / DINER EN ROUGE - GOES PINK

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Most Australians have heard the story of our family, and how we lost our daughter Hannah and our grandchildren Aaliyah, Laianah and Trey to a brutal act of domestic violence. In their names we started the Small Steps 4 Hannah Foundation with the goal to HALT coercive control, both through having it legally recognised as a form of domestic violence, and by leading a public discussion on the issue.

Since then, we've seen the Queensland Government introduce legislative reforms to State parliament, which are paving the way for a standalone stand-alone offence of coercive control to be introduced by the end of this year. We have seen the New South Wales government do the same, and we recently spent time in South Australia helping them start the process as well. There is work to do in other states, but there are positive signs across the country.

The Foundation partnered with the Lady Musgrave Trust to produce an online Handy Guide for women at risk, and we are proud to be partners with them on the Red Flag Effect, a campaign raising awareness of the red flags of domestic violence.

Most notably, we have turned the ground on Hannah's Sanctuary – a new residential development in Brisbane for women and children escaping violence and coercive control, which will be a lasting tribute to everyone who has stepped into the fold to support the Foundation.

This year we are pleased to roll-out our pilot youth engagement program across schools in Brisbane's south-east. We believe it is extremely important to acknowledge the enduring impacts coercive control has on young people as primary victims and perpetrators, and to recognise young people's voices in the community and system-wide response.

Throughout our advocacy efforts, we have learnt that the issue of coercive control is wide-reaching and complex with no simple solution. Yet we share Hannah's story in hope that we contribute to the effort to save lives in the future. We want all Australians to understand the devastating consequences of coercive control. We want everyone to be able to spot the red flags in their partners, their friends, and in themselves, and we want everyone to speak up when they see those red flags. When we put enough of these small steps together, we make big progress.

Thank you for your support.

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