

In a world of global markets, mass consumerism, million-dollar mortgages and busy schedules, who would think there's time in the day to reach out and help someone just for the sake of helping them? You just need to ask the modern clichés: 'time is money', 'money talks', 'you can't get something for nothing' – or can you?

For over twenty-five years, Edmund Rice Camps Victoria has been running holiday camps for disadvantaged children and families, via the time and effort volunteered by local Christian Brothers and young Victorians. From the earliest days when a couple of Brothers and a group of high school students took young Vietnamese refugees on a make-shift holiday at the back of a school property in Bundoora, to today where it's a community of 1000-strong volunteers who provide an environment of encouragement and support all year round to those on the margins, the journey of ERC Victoria has been one of growth and success, fuelled by a generosity of spirit and passion for social justice.

This account of ERC Victoria's evolution is insightful and perceptive, capturing the struggles and successes of an organisation genuinely going out of its way to include, inspire and improve the lives of those in need.

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Living the Spirit: 25 Years of Edmund Rice Camps Victoria

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