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In 2014 StGiles has 250 staff supporting 6000 families in Launceston, Hobart and Devonport with centre based therapy services, in home and centre based respite and outreach therapy clinics.

For 76 years we have demonstrated our responsiveness to unmet need by adapting our multi discipline team based model of physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy to meet evidence based best practice standards.

StGiles' focus is on early childhood intervention as well as helping children with severe disabilities to live within the family home, attend school, transition to adulthood and achieve differing but optimum levels of independence and enjoyment of life.

StGiles disability services are offered to children from birth and 17 years with any form of defined disability. Currently young people with defined disability, aged 15 and onwards, are part of the trial of the National Disability Insurance Agency in Tasmania. We are actively involved with this trial

Tasmanian has Australia's highest rate of disability at 23 per cent.

StGiles is prudent, has a high social justice ethic, a strong business model and unique team approach to early childhood and disability support services.

Current projects which require funding: (further information available on request)

1. Stage 2 Therapy Garden, Launceston - \$150,000 – work scheduled to start 2015 – funds raised to date \$50,000
2. Stage 2 Therapy Playspace, Hobart - \$110,000 – awaiting benefactor support, funds raised to date \$20,000
3. Communication Access Equipment – statewide loan pool of electronic speech aids for adults and children – ongoing – devices \$7000 each.
4. Expansion of StGiles to Burnie – immediate requirement \$300,000 to purchase property.
5. Purchase of additional supported accommodation for young people aged 15 to 24 to meet unmet need Launceston - \$400,000 property in Peel Street, Launceston identified.