Anderson Family Lawyers giving up vices for charity

Anderson Family Lawyers is taking action this September to support children, young people and families through Berry Street's Ban it for Berry Street fundraising campaign.

Through the entire month of September, the staff at Anderson Family Lawyers are giving up something special in order to raise funds for vulnerable children through charity organisation Berry Street. The vices they are choosing to sacrifice for the month includes chocolate, ice cream and soft drink, which will prove difficult but worthwhile as Victoria pushes through their sixth COVID lockdown.

Throughout the pandemic, Berry Street has seen an increase in family violence referrals due to lockdown. Firm Principal Lucy Padula, decided to participate in the fundraising campaign due to the nature of her work with separating families needing assistance, with respect to the care arrangements for children and the division of matrimonial assets.

"I asked my staff members if they would like to create a team and they were all eager to do so," says Lucy.

The Anderson Family Lawyers' fundraising team has also been joined by Lucy's eight-year-old daughter, Emily, who has decided to give up soft drink for the month of September.

"When I set up the team page online, my daughter approached me and asked me what I was doing. When I explained to her what Berry Street did, she asked if she could join – I am extremely proud of her," Lucy says.

Emily said: "I am eight years old and I have signed up to Ban it for Berry Street to support other children who don't have the things I have.

"I am lucky to have a home and a loving family, including my pet. I am lucky that I can go to school and do all of the activities I do."

Emily has already surpassed her fundraising goal of $200 and continues to receive donations to support families, children and vulnerable people.

Eight-year-old Emily, pictured with her dog Sparky, is giving up soft drink to raise money for less fortunate people. (Supplied)

Anderson Family Lawyers practices exclusively in family law, specialising in the division of assets of separating couples, facilitating and formalising care arrangements for children, and assistance with family violence intervention orders.

With their main office in Altona North, Anderson Family Lawyers caters to all Victorians as well as interstate clients, and the team also have visiting offices in Yarraville and Melbourne's CBD.

Through the pandemic, Anderson Family Lawyers have participated in family law court matters via video conference and phone calls, as well as attending some trials partly in person.

"I am proud that we have been able to adapt with technology and the family law courts have done an amazing job adapting in continuing to run matters online," Lucy says.

Recognised as an accredited specialist in family law by the Law Institute of Victoria, Lucy has been working in the legal services industry for over 20 years and practising as a solicitor for over 17 years. She will be sharing her experience and expertise with others by providing online webinars, of which the fees will also be donated to the fundraiser. Details of events can be found on the firm's website, Instagram (@andersonfamilylawyers), LinkedIn and Facebook pages (search Anderson Family Lawyers).

In addition to money raised from giving up their sugary goods, Anderson Family Lawyers is donating $10 from each reduced-fee initial client appointment to Berry Street for the month of September. Further to this, the fees from one entire day of new client appointments will be donated to Berry Street. To learn more about the Ban it for Berry Street fundraiser, visit www.banitforberrystreet.org.au.

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