

Village party to help the kids

Your chance to help
St Kilda Mums
change more lives

It takes a village to raise a child.

And that's why St Kilda

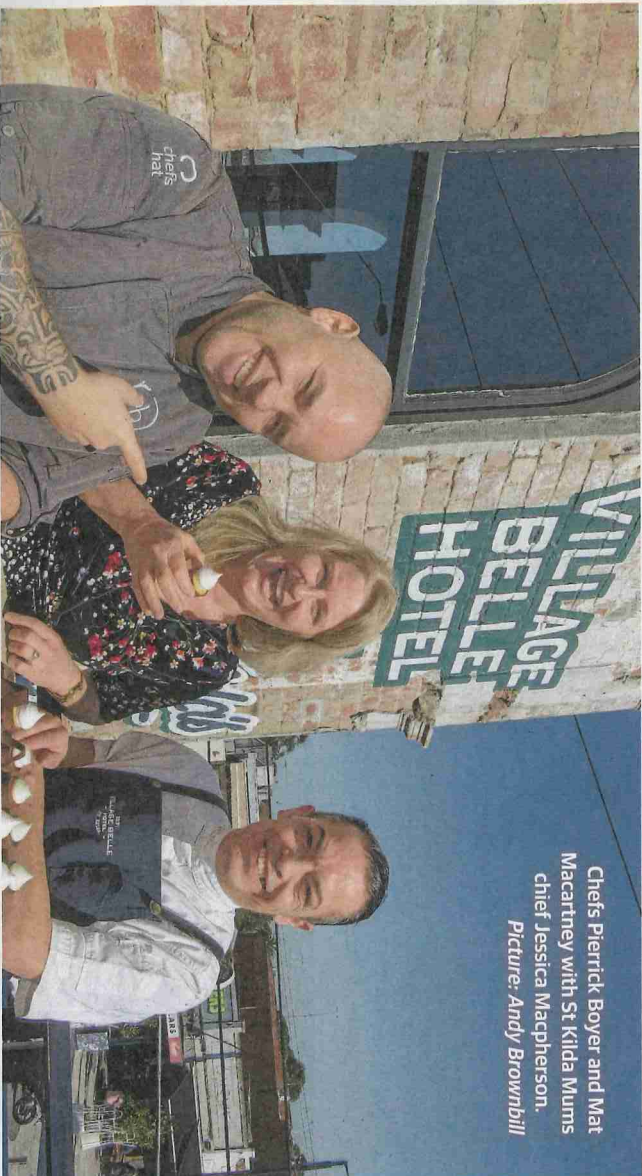
Mums need your help to give every little one the best start in life.

The lives of thousands of babies, and children have been changed thanks to the work of the St Kilda-based charity, which helps people in need, including those fleeing domestic violence, by providing nursery items and clothing.

In the past year alone the non-profit group has rehomed more than 51,600 items — including cots, prams, car seats, nappies and toys — to more than 18,000 families across its branches in St Kilda, Ballarat and Geelong.

Chief executive Jessie Macpherson, who founded the charity in 2009, said more donations were needed.

And the group will host an It Takes a Village cocktail party fundraiser at the Village Belle Hotel on September 6 in a bid to



Chefs Pierrick Boyer and Mat Macartney with St Kilda Mums chief Jessica Macpherson.
Picture: Andy Brownbill

raise \$30,000.

Tickets are \$100 each and include a cocktail on arrival, champagne, beer, wine and house spirits, as well as canapés.

All money from ticket sales will go directly to St Kilda Mums.

Village Belle Hotel co-owner

David Shannon said he was thrilled to be able to help “such a worthy cause.”

Mrs Macpherson said she was grateful for the support.

“It really does take a village to

raise a child and we're so grateful to the Village Belle Hotel and our community for being in our village,” she said.

“We look forward to helping so many more families.

Tickets/donations: stkildamums.org

THEATRE WORKS

Artists interested in making works at Theatre Works in 2019 can submit their expressions of interest for the **St Kilda** theatre's newest public programming streams **BECAUSE NOW** and **BECAUSE HEART** by September 7. Details: theatreworks.org.au

MAY QUI

A photographic exhibition running until September 12 at Alliance Francaise in **St Kilda** reflects on the civil unrest that shook France to its core 50 years ago — the uprisings of May 1968. Photographer Philippe Gras' work will be on display in the *At the Heart of May '68* exhibition, which details the social turning point for France and has become a symbol of youth-led social revolt. Details: afmelbourne.com.au

USA OPEN DAY

Glen Eira USA is holding an open day on October 11 from 2.30-3.30pm at the group's premises at 1151 Glen Huntly Rd, **Glen Huntly**. Take a tour and learn about the courses. Details: 9572 0571