

## How TEAR supports you

- TEAR staff members are just a phone call away – to talk with you about your church’s needs and ways to promote TEAR, do advocacy and organize events.
- TEAR staff can provide one-on-one training and support in the role (if you feel you need it).
- TEAR Staff will phone you during the year to find out how the role is going, to share ideas and listen to your feedback.
- Once a month you will receive a short TEAR Reps email with new resources and advocacy information.
- Each January, TEAR will send you a TEAR Advocacy Calendar. With dates for events, appeals, publications and other important information, this planner will provide you with a great starting point to plan your year.
- You will receive invitations to national and state TEAR events.
- Full of great ideas, “how to” sections, information, stories and advocacy resources for you to access, TEAR’s new website has a page for TEAR Reps; a one stop shop for everything a Rep might need! [www.tear.org.au/act/tear-reps/](http://www.tear.org.au/act/tear-reps/)
- TEAR’s publications are a great way to keep up to date with the latest at TEAR. These include *Target*, *TEAR News* and *TEAR Update* (email). We will supply (at no cost) the number of resources that you need to distribute to interested people in your church. These help people to understand where their donations go, how they are used and the change it brings to lives!
- TEAR can provide interesting, challenging and inspiring speakers for Sunday sermons, breakfasts, conferences, events and youth groups. Just give us a call to find a speaker to suit your needs!
- Over the years, TEAR has developed a number of intensive church kits designed to take your church deeper on questions of poverty, justice and faith. These include Just Faith, which explores the connections between our faith and the big issues of the world today.
- Transform Together recognizes that churches are increasingly looking for a deeper and more wholistic connection with overseas mission, including ministry to the world’s poor and marginalised. There is a growing trend among many churches and Christian groups to have fewer mission partners, but to seek meaningful connections with overseas partners and explore deeply what a biblical response to poverty might mean for them. TEAR’s new Transform Together offers that connection!

We also want to hear your ideas and suggestions so we can better resource you! And we would love to receive your stories, UG Shops ideas, advocacy actions etc and if you include a picture or two, we can place it on our website to encourage others!

***TEAR Reps are helping to make the end to poverty a reality. Many lives are being transformed by the work TEAR is supporting – TEAR Reps do make a difference!***