

Christmas Giving Tree Appeal Continues to Help More People in Need

To help support vulnerable people, Anglicare and St Saviours Cathedral launched their annual 2016 Giving Tree appeal on Thursday 8th December.

Christmas is meant to be a time of celebration, but sadly many children and families living in poverty will not have a gift to open or food to eat.

Anglicare's Manager of Housing and Social Services, Toni Reay says "Demand for assistance always spikes around Christmas and this year is no exception and calls for support have already started.

We are urging people to support struggling families by donating toys or food that can be left under the tree.

Last year over 50 families and around 80 children received presents due to the generous donations received," Ms Reay said.

Examples of items that can be donated include non-perishable food such as tinned ham, longlife custard and Christmas cakes, toys such as books, board games and sport equipment.

The Christmas Giving Tree will be accepting gifts until 12pm on December 23 to ensure they can be distributed before Christmas Day.

Donations of unwrapped gifts are preferred or wrapped gifts with age and gender labels. The Christmas Giving Tree located inside the St Saviours Cathedral on Bourke Street and is one of the largest in Southern NSW

Anglicare would like to thank the community for the support during 2016 and we wish you all a Happy Christmas and a healthy and safe 2017.

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