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Launch of Anglicare community centre in Gordon responds to local needs

Residents in and around the Canberra suburb of Gordon can look forward to a greater level of community support with the launch of the Gordon Community Centre. Saturday 3 June marked the official launch of the centre which is a partnership between Anglicare and the Lanyon Valley Anglican Church. Community members, staff, volunteers and local politicians gathered to mark the occasion and celebrate what this new centre will mean for the community.

“We have already begun running activities here,” says Lanyon Valley rector, Jonathan Holt. “We have a group that meets here to help people who are going through the trauma of divorce. We also have a food pantry here to help families who might need help with groceries, particularly during the cold and financially challenging winter months.”

Anglicare CEO, Jeremy Halcrow sees the community centre launch as an important step in meeting the needs of families in Canberra. “In Anglicare’s recent Rental Affordability Snapshot, we found the housing prices - often the biggest household expense - are at catastrophically unaffordable levels for the most vulnerable families. That’s why we’re so excited to launch a community centre like this to extend much needed help and support to families who are struggling.”

The new centre is the first of its kind that Anglicare has opened in the south of Canberra. It is designed to meet critical community needs such as emergency food support, and to also offer programs to build family relationships, help young children become school-ready and move people out of a cycle of need.

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