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The Duchess of Cornwall announced as Patron of Australian charity GIVIT

National online charity GIVIT, is honoured to announce The Duchess of Cornwall as their Patron.

The Duchess of Cornwall has supported GIVIT's vital work matching the generosity of donors with those in need across Australia, including donating to provide essential items to help communities and people rebuild after the recent catastrophic bushfire season.

This announcement will enable GIVIT to continue its work to give practical support to those in need.

The Duchess's advocacy will support GIVIT's national Bushfires Appeal, National Indigenous Support Program, and raise awareness of the urgently needed items to help millions of Australians affected by the economic repercussions of the Coronavirus crisis.

GIVIT Founder and Director, Juliette Wright OAM, said the charity was incredibly honoured and grateful The Duchess of Cornwall had accepted GIVIT's invitation to become its Patron.

"It's clear The Duchess of Cornwall and GIVIT share strong values in wanting to help people and communities in very real and practical ways," said GIVIT Founder, Juliette Wright OAM.

"I am certain the support from The Duchess of Cornwall will directly help to ease the suffering of people and communities affected by everyday hardships, recent catastrophic bushfires, ongoing drought conditions, and now Australia's most challenging public health and economic emergency."

As in disasters and emergencies such as the recent bushfires, GIVIT is working with all levels of government and over 3,200 registered charities and community groups to manage donations and ensure people impacted by COVID-19 have access to essential items when they need them.

If you wish to help fellow Australians impacted by the recent Bush Fires or Coronavirus, please donate funds via <u>GIVIT.org.au</u>. Donating funds or a digital voucher by email is a really great way to help fill many of the current urgent needs. 100% of donated funds received by GIVIT will be used to purchase vouchers and urgently needed items, from local businesses where possible.

Ms Wright said the global community standing together in goodwill, kindness and a united approach to navigating the pandemic is critical to supporting affected people and communities. "Now, more than ever, we value this incredible support from Her Royal Highness."

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About GIVIT

GIVIT is the smart way to give. Through givit.org.au, we channel generosity where it is needed to support vulnerable people and communities in Australia.

Working with more than 3,200 support organisations, we ensure people get what they need when they need it most – whether recovering from a disaster event, or experiencing hardship due to circumstances such as drought, domestic and family violence, homelessness, disability, and mental health.

GIVIT captures all offers of goods and services online, removing the need for charities and services to sort, store and dispose of unsolicited donations, saving valuable resources. 100% of donated funds received by GIVIT to support people in need are used to purchase essential items. We buy locally, wherever possible, to support local businesses. GIVIT's operational costs are covered by government contracts and our amazing corporate partners.

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