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Australia's smart way to give this Christmas

After a year which has seen an unprecedented number of Australians reach out to charities for help, more than 80,000 items are listed on <u>GIVIT.org.au</u> as needed by people struggling this Christmas.

Australia's best feel-good way to give is here to help households, families and entire communities in need.

You can give a single item, or join with friends and family to help fill large requests and big projects that trusted charities and community groups registered with GIVIT need your help to fill. These aren't your everyday requests, they're supersized!

Requests include <u>toys for sick children</u> spending Christmas in hospital, water tanks and volunteer tradies for those still <u>without access to clean water</u> in bushfire-impacted communities, sewing machines so refugee families can make their own clothes, furniture for <u>100 recently homeless</u> <u>Queenslanders</u>, items for community art and <u>garden projects</u> and so much more!

Donors can see exactly what's needed in their local area or across Australia, to gift some much needed festive cheer to those doing it tough.

GIVIT CEO Sarah Tennant said the impact of COVID-19 meant more Australians than ever need support from charities and not-for-profit organisations like the 3,800 registered groups with GIVIT.

"This Christmas, team up with your colleagues, school, book club, sports team, church, friends and family to ensure vulnerable Australians have what they need under their tree. Together we can help give life-changing items to the people who need them most," said Ms Tennant.

"With the economic effects of COVID-19 being felt all over the country, we're seeing a significant increase in people needing help – including many who have never before needed to ask for help."

GIVIT has coordinated more than 1,000,000 generously donated items for people in need across Australia already in 2020. Your donation, big or small, can make a real difference.

To donate and see what's needed, please visit <u>GIVIT.org.au</u>. GIVIT uses 100% of donations received to purchase essential items for people in need, and wherever possible from local businesses.

All charities, schools, councils and community groups are encouraged to register via <u>GIVIT.org.au</u> to access thousands of wonderful donations pledged by generous individuals and corporates for the communities they're supporting through the Coronavirus crisis, and beyond.

For more information or to arrange an interview please contact E: media@givit.org.au M: 0444 503 759









About GIVIT

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

Working with more than 3,800 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.