CENTACARE ANNUAL TOY DRIVE MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO FAMILIES

Over one hundred families and four hundred children will get the chance to experience the joy of Christmas this year through Centacare’s annual Toy Drive. Sponsored by Toyworld Ballarat and Curves, the 2014 Christmas Toy Drive aims to provide each child involved in a Centacare program with a gift for Christmas.

The appeal allows children who may not otherwise receive a gift the opportunity to experience the wonder that Christmas brings. Centacare Executive Director Mr David Beaver said “This is such an important initiative of Centacare’s Family Services team bringing a little bit of Christmas into the homes of those less fortunate who may not be able to afford presents. It is inspirational to see the difference a small act of giving can make to one family”. “The generosity and enthusiasm of our business sponsors and the greater community is to be commended” said Mr Beaver.

Commencing Saturday 15th November 2014, the appeal will launch at Toyworld Ballarat, 10am-2.00pm with festivities including a visit from Santa, a free barbeque and face painting.

Central to the programs provided by Centacare Family Services is to make a difference to families in need. Family Services Case Manager and appeal organiser Ms Tracey Robinson said “The focus of the toy drive is to make a difference for children at a special time of year. Every child should have the chance to wake up on Christmas morning with a present”.

To donate, please purchase an age specific toy, select a name tag from one of the Centacare gift trees at Toyworld Ballarat, Curves Sebastopol or Curves Wendouree and place your gift under the tree. Donations will be accepted at Toyworld or Curves Sebastopol and Wendouree until the 14th December 2014.

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