



VINNIES RESTORE HOPE AT CHRISTMAS

Everyone deserves to wake up on Christmas morning and feel a sense of hope for a special gift, a meal with loved ones and warmth and safety. The St Vincent de Paul Society is in the business of restoring hope for thousands of residents in Ballarat and surrounding communities who are doing it tough this Christmas.

During the 2015 Vinnies Christmas Appeal, more than 500 local volunteer members will visit local families to deliver friendship and material aid, such as toys for the kids, a hamper to make lunch and petrol for the car – a few basics to help make ends meet.

In the past financial year, Vinnies has provided more than \$10.5 million worth of assistance and more than 250,000 meals to people in need across the state. “Many people that turn to us for help have nowhere else to go – no family, no friends,” said Michael Libby, Vinnies Victorian State President. “This isolation alone can be devastating. With your help and generous donations we can provide a hand up for local residents this Christmas.”



You can help by:

- # Making a donation to the 2015 Christmas Appeal. Visit www.vinnies.org.au/christmasappeal or calling 131812
- # Giving a Vinnies gift card. Available at all Vinnies stores or visit <http://bit.ly/VinniesGiftCards>
- # Shopping at Vinnies stores all year – proceeds help improve the lives of people in your community.

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