

# 2024 VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

## HOW TO GIVE



### TO GIVE FINANCIALLY

Financial donations allow us the flexibility to direct funds where they are most needed. It also gives those we assist the sense of dignity and joy of choosing their own items, which many of us may take for granted. You can nominate a financial gift toward your local area or a particular Vinnies service if you wish.

**To donate financially, you can either;**

**1)** Create your own personalised online school fundraising page at: <https://fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way>

**or**

**2)** Raise funds (offline), and then donate at our website: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/donation-hub>

If you would like your donation to go to your local Conference or Service, please be sure to include the name of the Conference or Service when donating through the online portals.

**3)** Via direct deposit to:

**Payee Name:** St Vincent de Paul Society NSW

**Street Address:** 2C West Street, Lewisham

**Bank Name:** Commonwealth Bank

**Branch:** Leichhardt NSW

**Account Name:** SVdP Appeals

**BSB:** 062 193

**Account Number:** 1005 7471

**Reference:** 00-156

\*Cheques can be written to "St Vincent de Paul Society NSW" and mailed to: PO Box 5, Petersham, NSW 2049

Please send a Remittance Advice to [remittances@vinnies.org.au](mailto:remittances@vinnies.org.au) and copy your Schools and Youth Engagement Officer



### TO GIVE HAMPERS, FOOD, OR GIFTS

**Your local Conference Members are doing good works in the community every week and are best placed to understand the needs of the people they serve.**

Usually Conferences are excited to receive your hampers, although it may be preferable in *some* circumstances to give gift cards or financially instead. Check in with your local Conference to find out!

#### **Where do the hampers go?**

Hampers are delivered to families in your community who have called upon Vinnies for a hand-up.

To uphold the dignity of those receiving the hamper, please ensure that all food items are not due to expire for at least 6 months. All items must be non-perishable and undamaged. Look out for packaged food with a Health Star Rating of 3.5 or above. The more stars, the better!

**Tip: One way to organise the hampers is to allocate families to different classrooms.**

**Consider the needs of the family, and adjust the hamper accordingly.**

### CHRISTMAS HAMPER IDEAS

Below are some items you might consider putting into a family hamper. You might like to include a handmade Christmas Card of Hope (see activities section of this pack for instructions).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas pudding | <input type="checkbox"/> Biscuits – sweet, savoury |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long-life custard | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas lollies         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tea and Coffee    | <input type="checkbox"/> Jelly                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Milo              | <input type="checkbox"/> Spreads – jam, vegemite   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long life milk    | <input type="checkbox"/> Cereal                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tim Tams          | <input type="checkbox"/> Pancake mix               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas lollies | <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned vegetables         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit cake        | <input type="checkbox"/> Gravy mix                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned fruit      | <input type="checkbox"/> Soup                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cordial           | <input type="checkbox"/> Dried pasta               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long-life juice   | <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta sauce               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cereal            | <input type="checkbox"/> Bonbons                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit mince pies  | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Decorations     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shortbread        | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas gifts (new)     |

# CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

Gifts for individuals and families can help make someone's Christmas extra special.

We have added some ideas below. It is good to check with your Conference what items the families they support require. We also recommend asking your Conference if you can assist with gift wrapping.

Note: if your local Conference is inactive or does not require additional donations at this time, check in with your Schools Engagement Officer about which local Vinnies Service(s) or Support Centre may require support this Christmas.

## Babies and Toddlers

- Rattles
- Blankets/Comforters
- Building Blocks
- Bath Toys
- Soft Toys
- Musical toys
- Storybooks

## Young Children (4-8yrs)

- Sports equipment
- Books
- Dolls
- Outdoor games
- Board games
- Toy cars or trains
- Stationery
- Colouring-in books/textas
- Dress-up costumes
- Water pistols
- Christmas stocking

SHARE YOUR EFFORTS!

Share your pictures and stories by tagging us on  
Instagram: @VinniesYouthNSW  
and Facebook: @NSWVinniesYouth



## Older Children (9-12yrs)

- Lego
- Cards games
- Magic Trick set
- Books
- Activity books
- Puzzles
- Hair accessories
- Outdoor equipment
- Shopping/Gift cards
- Water pistols
- Christmas stocking

## Teenagers

- Movie Vouchers
- Body lotions
- Accessories (e.g. caps, jewellery)
- Deodorant packs
- Shopping/Gift cards
- Books
- Perfume/spray packs
- Make-up (e.g. lip gloss, nail polish)
- Beach Towels
- Bags, back-packs
- Christmas stocking

## Adults

- Books
- Perfume or deodorant packs
- Cosmetic gift packs
- Movie vouchers
- Homewares
- Hampers
- Vinnies Vouchers

THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US TO CHANGE LIVES!