



# St Vincent de Paul Society

CANBERRA/GOULBURN CENTRAL COUNCIL

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## WORKPLACE GIVING and how it works

### EMPLOYEES

However you do it, workplace giving is a great way to help more people in your community who are in desperate need. Your regular contribution is deducted each pay from your pre-tax salary. This means you will get tax savings straight away, reducing your taxable income.

But the real advantage of choosing Vinnies as your charity of choice is that our programs operate locally. You are able to see first-hand the results of your giving and there is an opportunity to participate more directly by volunteering.

### EMPLOYERS

A matched giving program allows your company or organisation to match dollar for dollar what each of your employees give – and you have the flexibility to put a cap on how much you match per employee.

Whatever your budget, we can help you increase the value of your employees' giving by developing a matched giving plan tailored to your business and community investment aims.

## GETTING INVOLVED IS EASY – THREE SIMPLE STEPS

1. Complete the pledge form nominating the amount you'd like to donate each pay cycle.
2. Tear off and send to your payroll officer
3. Request that your details be sent to:

Workplace Giving Program  
 St Vincent de Paul Society  
 Canberra/ Goulburn Central Council  
 PO Box 642 | MAWSON ACT 2607  
 Fax: 02 6281 5566  
 Email: [workplacegiving@svdp-cg.org.au](mailto:workplacegiving@svdp-cg.org.au)



## About Vinnies

The St. Vincent de Paul Society was founded in 1833 by a university student, who moved to Paris at the age of 18 to study at the Sorbonne. Appalled at the desperate poverty he saw around him, Frederic believed the best way to make a difference was through personal involvement. He recruited a few of his university friends and together they visited impoverished families bringing them food, clothing, money for rent and most importantly friendship. The small group decided to adopt the name The St Vincent de Paul Society after the Patron Saint of Christian charity and within a year, membership had expanded to 100.

Today, the St Vincent de Paul Society, (affectionately known in Australia as Vinnies), continues to provide “a hand up” to people in need in 130 countries and has over 950,000 members worldwide. The Canberra/ Goulburn Central Council, founded in Goulburn in 1895, has 2700 volunteers, 600 members and 150 plus professional staff.



## What Vinnies does –

- Budget counseling
- Children's activities and holiday programs
- Disaster recovery
- Drop-in centre for meals and friendship
- Emergency accommodation
- Emergency Call Centre
- Friendship programs for people with a mental illness
- Home and hospital visitation
- Homeless accommodation and support services
- Indigenous scholarships
- Migrant and refugee support services
- Nigh Patrol - a mobile food service
- Overseas support programs
- Prison visitation
- Crisis and transitional accommodation for women and children
- School-based mentoring programs
- Tertiary educational programs
- Vinnies Centres (shops)
- Volunteer programs
- Youth and young carers programs

The typical reaction from most people when they discover the extent of services provided by Vinnies is  
**“I had no idea Vinnies did all that”**



## How a little can go a long way

A small yet regular contribution from your salary will assist Vinnies help more people in need.

- \$10** buys an essential overnight pack for someone rushed to hospital
- \$25** buys enough food for one person for three days
- \$50** helps purchase a warm blanket for homeless people sleeping rough.
- \$80** buys essential groceries for a parent and child for a week.
- \$100** provides a woman and child escaping domestic violence with somewhere safe to sleep.

Workplace Giving donations are deducted from an employee's salary before tax, thereby reducing taxable income.

The St Vincent de Paul Society (ACT) Inc. ABN:16 732 852 554 is registered as a current Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR), meaning that all Workplace Giving contributions qualify for an immediate tax deduction.

There is no need for employees to collect, keep and claim receipts. Receipts are provided on an annual basis for all matching funds donated by your organisation. For more information on taxation issues, please visit the Australian Taxation Office website [www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au)

## ACT TODAY

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## workplace giving - pledge form

- YES! I want to be involved with the St Vincent de Paul Society's Workplace Giving program.** Please deduct the amount I have indicated for each pay period.
- I understand that my donation will be deducted from the first pay period after receipt of this authorisation.

### Deduction amount for each pay period

- \$5    \$10    \$15    \$25    \$35

Other .....

### PERSONAL DETAILS

- Mr    Mrs    Miss    Ms    Other .....

Given Name .....

Surname .....

Current Employer .....

Employee ID .....

Phone ..... Date .....

Signature .....

Email .....

Commencement Date .....

**Please return this slip to your Payroll Officer.**

The St Vincent de Paul Society follows the National Privacy Principles. All personal information you provide is for the purpose of allowing St Vincent de Paul Society Canberra Goulburn Central Council to service your request. It will not be misused in any way or disclosed to a third party without your consent.

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**All donations over \$2 are tax deductible**