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Vinnies opening in East Bentleigh, calls for volunteers

A new Vinnies shop will open in East Bentleigh on 28 May and the St Vincent de Paul Society is calling on the local community to consider volunteering in the shop.

“It’s challenging starting from scratch” said Vinnies spokesperson Liz Randle. “We’re building from the ground up and we’re really hoping the local community will get behind us.”

“The shop will feature a great selection of apparel and bric a brac for customers when we open but in the meantime we’re hoping people who can offer some time on a regular basis to volunteer will get in touch with us.”

Tasks for volunteers include working on the shop floor and sorting goods. “People from all walks of life and at all ages are welcome; there’s such a range of tasks to be done that there’s something for everyone.”

The timing of the request coincides with National Volunteer Week (13-19 May) which celebrates the contribution of six million volunteers in Australia. “Volunteering can be such a rewarding experience. We have volunteers in our shops who’ve clocked up milestones as large as 50 years in some instances. They love it so much; the camaraderie and friendships with other volunteers and the satisfaction they get from contributing to their local community.”

Funds raised in Vinnies shops are used by the St Vincent de Paul Society to support people in need in the local area. “As we approach winter we’re expecting there to be a big demand for blankets and warm clothes so customers will see plenty of that kind of gear on the shelves when we open” said Ms Randle.

To register interest in volunteering call 1300 736 933 or email volunteer@svdp-vic.org.au

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