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## New Vinnies Store Opens in Parkside

Located in the heart of Glen Osmond Road's leafy shopping strip, Parkside is the home of Vinnies newest store. Packed full of amazing bargains, designer, funky, vintage, and retro women's and men's clothing, shoes and accessories, children's wear and toys, light furniture, books and homewares – this store is a real must for the savvy shopper.

Everything that is either bought or donated at a Vinnies store goes to helping people in need, either through the funds raised from their sale or given freely to men, women and children who are struggling in our community.

The opening of this newest store comes at an ideal time for Vinnies as typically winter is when more people turn to them for assistance. Keeping in line with trends over the past few years, Vinnies expects to see an increase in demand for assistance during the winter months. With energy prices and the cost of living continuing to put pressure on household budgets, more Australian families are struggling to make ends meet.

St Vincent de Paul Society (SA) State President, Brian Spencer said, "Vinnies is really concerned about the long-term impact of current cost of living pressures. There is no question that the current tough economic climate is undermining the ability of many Australians to fully participate in education, access healthcare, adequately care for their families and feel included in their local communities. The opening of our newest store at Parkside will go a long way to ensuring we are able to assist men, women and children who are doing it tough within our community."

Since 1884, Vinnies has been integral in local communities throughout the State. Our services continue to evolve as we uphold the core activity of home visitation; providing whatever is required to assist people with keeping their families together, their lives together and ensuring they maintain a sense of dignity during their difficult times.

Each year Vinnies helps in excess of 100,000 South Australians by providing accommodation services, assistance to migrants and refugees, supplying food, clothing and furniture, budget counselling and Fred's Van meals. Our Vinnies shops across South Australia are patronised by over 425,000 shoppers each year.

This new shop has increased the Vinnies stores state-wide to 35 and stocks a wide range of items.

St Vincent de Paul Society (SA) State President, Brian Spencer continues "the opening of this new store is wonderful for the local community. Whilst we have volunteers in the eastern suburbs working to give a hand up to those seeking assistance from us, this new store is another way we are able to better support the community."

The Parkside store is open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 5.00pm, Saturday 10.00am – 4.00pm and Sundays 11.00am – 4.00pm. More volunteers are still needed to help with the store. All enquiries are welcome by calling 8112 8700 or by visiting in store.

Donation of goods is greatly welcome and can be made in store.

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