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Vinnies asks you to make a Christmas wish come true this year

As it calls for support of its 2014 Christmas Appeal, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SA) says it is a bleak situation when providing people with a basic need such as food, accounts for more than 50% of the total assistance provided by them during the Christmas period.

The reality is that for many people Christmas is a stressful time and far from the joyous celebration it is for most South Australians. Many parents will struggle to pay their bills and put food on the table let alone dream of buying gifts for their children or preparing a special Christmas meal.

St Vincent de Paul Society (SA)'s State President, Brian Spencer, says that the difficult situations many families find themselves in is beyond what most of us could imagine.

"As rental and living costs continue to put pressure on the family budget, many people are forced to juggle difficult decisions about how best to provide for their families with very little income. We really need the support of South Australians who can afford to do so, to dig deep and make a generous donation to this year's Vinnies Christmas Appeal," said Mr Spencer.

The St Vincent de Paul Society is expected to provide South Australians this Christmas period with over \$0.5M worth of assistance in the form of financial support, clothing, bedding, furniture, food and gifts - so that children in need can experience the joy of having a present under their tree.

"Our 2,880 volunteers go about their work each and every day helping people when things get too hard. Many people that we assist tell us that without Vinnies, they would not be able to cope," said Mr Spencer.

Please donate to the 2014 Vinnies Christmas Appeal so that we can continue to change lives every day. To show your support and make a donation visit www.vinnies.org.au or call 13 18 12.

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