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Vinnies volunteers across NSW recognised for their contribution

This week (9-15 May) is National Volunteer Week when the theme “Give Happy, Live Happy” will be celebrated by the St Vincent de Paul Society across NSW.

Denis Walsh, President of the St Vincent de Paul Society NSW, said that because the Society is a grassroots, volunteer-based organisation, National Volunteer Week is the perfect opportunity to thank its 26,000 members and volunteers.

“The Society exists through the contribution of our dedicated and compassionate members and volunteers. They give up their time to support people experiencing disadvantage across the state and this Week is a fitting time to acknowledge their generosity,” said Mr Walsh.

“There will be celebrations across the state during the Week because without our passionate and hardworking members and volunteers we would not be able to assist over 400,000 people in NSW every year.”

Members and volunteers are active in over 420 communities across the state, visiting those in need in their homes, working in the Vinnies shops and volunteering in programs and Special Works including homelessness services and mental health programs and assisting young people and migrants and refugees.

“Research shows that those who volunteer and serve their community live happier and healthier lives. The benefits of volunteering are endless – in addition to giving back to the community and providing tangible assistance to our clients they build new friendships and discover new passions and skills.

Interviews and photo opportunities: St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers are available to talk about volunteering with the Society and the benefits to the local community.

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