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Vinnies need your help
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Have you resolved to volunteer, get involved and give back to your community this year? The St Vincent de Paul Society is in desperate need of more volunteers at its Darwin shops.

Susan Carr, who volunteers at the Malak shop five days per week, said she enjoyed assisting the community – and the social aspect of volunteering was the icing on the cake!

“It’s great knowing that you’re helping the community, and we have lots of fun together. I’ve been here for two years and it’s a great shop to work in,” said Susan.

Peter Erlich has volunteered with Vinnies at the Stuart Park shop for nearly four years, and is happy knowing his spare time is spent making a difference.

“All the funds we raise in the shops go back into the community, so everything we do directly makes a difference for someone in the local community doing it tough,” said Peter.

Like all Vinnies shops, they are heavily reliant on the generosity of volunteers.

And they’re doing a new call out for volunteers to help in the busy New Year period, with donations from Christmas and summer holiday wardrobe and house clear outs to process.

“Every volunteer makes a difference and directly helps us do our good works in the local community,” said Vinnies Stuart Park and Palmerston Shop Manager Yvonne Cowell.

“We are calling on anyone who could spare a couple of hours or a day to donate their time to a range of tasks including sorting, merchandising and customer service.

“Drop into one of our shops and speak to us about opportunities to help as part of the Vinnies team, learn new skills or make new friends while making a difference in the community.

“It’s thanks to our volunteers and donors that the funds raised through the shop can go back to people who need it the most.”

Vinnies has four shops in the Darwin area, at Stuart Park, Palmerston, Malak and Darwin City (Knuckey St). Locations and opening hours are as follows:

- Vinnies Palmerston is located at 3 Rolyat St, Palmerston. The shop is open Monday to Friday from 9am-4pm and Saturday from 10am-1pm.
- Vinnies Stuart Park is located at 2 Westralia St, Stuart Park. The shop is open Monday to Friday from 9am-4pm (6pm on Thursdays) and Saturdays 9am-noon.
St Vincent de Paul Society Northern Territory (Vinnies) is an international not-for-profit that has been in the Territory for 60 years. It provides support to those in the NT who need it most with dignity, respect and love regardless of creed, ethnicity or gender. Volunteers are the backbone of Vinnies and ensure that we can continue our good works. Profits from the seven shops stay in the Territory and go towards assisting those in need.

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