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Winter stock critically low thanks to SA's cold spell

A cold start to winter has meant The St Vincent de Paul Society SA (Vinnies) is running desperately low on winter items to distribute through its home visitation service.

Vinnies is the only charity remaining that runs a home visitation service, providing assistance to those in need in the convenience of their own home throughout South Australia, including regional areas.

David Wark, CEO of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SA) said "This service and the support provided through our centres provide practical assistance to people in need, including clothing, blankets, food and emergency funds.

"With winter starting off particularly cold, demand has been strong and we only have a few weeks of winter stock remaining.

"Through our home visitation service, we are assisting people in dire circumstances, so providing them with dignity through a choice of quality, pre-loved clothing is vitally important." Mr Wark said.

The 36 Vinnies shops in SA also provide a diverse customer base with unique, high quality affordable clothing.

"These sales are essential to our services including the 40,000 meals provided annually through our Fred's Vans, the 47 beds at our men's shelter and our home visits service that supports around 50,000 people each year, half of which are children." Mr Wark said.

Vinnies is asking people to search their wardrobes for coats and warm winter clothing they may be able to donate, in child and adult sizes. Anything in good condition that hasn't been worn for twelve months is usually suitable to donate.

As many people find it difficult to get to a shop during working hours, Vinnies can also collect large donations from workplaces and schools.

"We encourage workplaces to organise a staff drive, which can be as simple as an email to all staff requesting they bring in their clothing donations in a specified week. They just need to call us on 08 8112 8700 to organise a pick up." Mr Wark said.

People can donate items, including blankets, at any of the Vinnies shops which can be found at vinnies.org.au/shops, or make a donation to the Vinnies Winter Appeal at vinnies.org.au/winterappeal or by calling 13 18 12.

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For interviews with David Wark, CEO St Vincent de Paul Society SA and/or shops volunteers together with images or arrangements, phone Megan Andrews, Marketing Manager on (08) 8112 8712 or 0419 940 721.