



### **Christmas made memorable for the needy of Annerley**

This Christmas was made a memorable one for struggling families in the Annerley region on Tuesday, December 19, thanks to donations from the staff of Greenslopes Private Hospital to Vinnies Queensland.

The gifts were donated by Greenslopes Private Hospital staff to Vinnies Christmas Appeal and hamper drive.

A total of 90 hampers were delivered with gifts ranging from bikes and scooters to smaller items.

Vinnies volunteers were joined more than 20 volunteers from the community at Mary Immaculate Church in Annerley to sort two truckloads of presents into hampers for local families and individuals in need.

Staff from EML Payments in Newstead and Suncorp also gave up their time to sort presents and help distribute the Christmas hampers around the Annerley region.

St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland's Mary Immaculate Conference President Frank Ford said he was incredibly grateful for the donation drive at the hospital and for the support of the community in delivering the hampers.

"We ourselves are overjoyed by the generosity of these employees who have either donated gifts directly, or donated their time to deliver them to people in need, alongside our Vinnies volunteers," he said.

"Each year we are approached by hundreds of people in Annerley seeking assistance, these are everyday people doing it tough.

"Sometimes they have stretched their budget to just be able to afford the basic rent, food and utilities and have nothing in the lead up to Christmas."

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