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Families fleeing violence supported by child care centre's generosity

Women and children fleeing domestic and family violence will receive essential cleaning and personal items once settled into a St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland's safe housing facility in Brisbane, thanks to the generosity of Goodstart Early Learning Albany Creek The Boulevard.

The families and staff at the childcare centre have collected toiletries and cleaning products to donate to families who are staying in St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland's recently purchased properties for women and children fleeing domestic violence.

The families at the centre recently donated their first collection of items including dishwashing liquid, paper towel, kitchen wipes and washing powder and more.

Centre Director Bree Dunstan said the charitable effort is part of Goodstart's wider commitment to helping children in need.

"We are passionate and committed to the care and development of all children, not just those in our centre," she said.

"We are always looking for ways that we can enrich the lives of children and we thought this was such a worthwhile cause for us to get behind.

"Our families were equally enthusiastic to support this great cause and assist through donating required goods.

"Goodstart is a non-for profit organisation whose vision is for Australia's children to have the best possible start in life. Our aim is to reach out to families, particularly those facing disadvantage and to support them to overcome diversity."

Vinnies Housing CEO Sharon Shearsmith said the generosity displayed by the families of the early learning centre would make a real difference in the lives of those families receiving the items.

"The women accommodated in our properties have fled violent situations with their children, often with very little so to be able to include cleaning and personal care items in the household packs we have ready for them is invaluable," she said.

"These types of items not only save the families money but go a long way to helping them feel safe and secure in their new accommodation by providing some basic comforts of home."

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