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Volunteers celebrated at Vinnies Queensland

Vinnies Queensland volunteers are the backbone of the charity's ability to provide assistance to over 300,000 Queenslanders over the past year.

With over 9000 volunteer members on the frontlines of the organisation on a daily basis, it is the work of volunteers which enables the St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland to carry out its many good works in the community.

Vinnies volunteers work across the state in Vinnies retail shops, warehouses, support centres and tutoring and mentoring programs as well as in a range of other capacities to help the make a difference in the lives of people in need.

Volunteer Karen Morrison, who volunteers her time at Vinnies Queensland's Kenmore shop in Brisbane said her time spent as a shop volunteer is highly rewarding.

"I love giving back to the community, and the other ladies that are here volunteering are just lovely to work with," she said.

"The customers that come in are all nice, and the people who donate are all really nice people as well.

"Sometimes we have people come in that need some help and that's what we are here for, not only to sell things to people that want to buy something or find a bargain.

"There are people that generally actually need help and we can help them out with some clothes or get them on to the Vinnies Helpline and direct them to the help they need."

Vinnies Queensland is celebrating its volunteers with a thank you campaign on social media during National Volunteer Week from May 21 to 27.

Vinnies Queensland is always on the lookout for more volunteers in its shops and programs and interested people can go to <http://qld.vinnies.org.au/join-us> for more information.

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