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Letter to the Editor - St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

The rising cost of living and its impact on disadvantaged and marginalised Queenslanders is never more evident than during the winter months.

Last financial year alone St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland (Vinnies) members provided more than \$4.6 million worth of food in the form of vouchers or parcels.

Each year thousands of Queenslanders turn to Vinnies for assistance to make it through the coldest months of the year.

Our services are increasingly in demand as the costs of essential goods and services including health, education and utilities, increase faster than wages for low income earners.

The high costs of living are impacting low income families and individuals the hardest and can cause profound distress.

When the people we assist seek our help they routinely report feeling they have failed, ashamed and embarrassed by being unable to provide for their children or for having to seek help from charities to keep the lights on or pay the rent.

Vinnies will always be there to help people in need when they need us. With our support their dignity and self-confidence is restored, but we need your help to continue.

The Winter Appeal is a vital fundraising effort which allows us to provide Queenslanders with food, warmth and shelter each year.

John Forrest

St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland State President

Donations can be made via <https://winterappeal.vinnies.org.au/> (Tax deductible)

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