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Minni Vinnies raises funds to help people in need in Dalby

St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland has more funds to help people in need in the Dalby area thanks to Our Lady of the Southern Cross College Dalby's Mini Vinnies group.

The Mini Vinnies group raised a total of \$1111.84 which was donated to members of the St Joseph's Dalby Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland at a recent school assembly.

The Mini Vinnies group, comprised of year 5 and 6 students held an Easter egg raffle in Term 1, selling raffles tickets to raise the funds. The eggs were donated by families with students attending the college and their generosity led to 97 hampers as prizes in the raffle.

The Mini Vinnies Group students said the experience of raising funds for the local St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland Conference was memorable.

"I liked wrapping up the Easter Egg presents and handing them out and meeting the Vinnies people. I liked it because we raised a lot of money and helped people in need," student Tiffany Ham said.

"We sold raffle tickets to people who wanted to win a prize. I enjoyed the fact that so many people bought raffle tickets and we raised a lot of money for Mini Vinnies," fellow student Hayden Gowlett said.

"I sold raffle tickets in lunchtimes and made up our Easter egg prizes. The best bit I liked about it was wrapping up the prizes in cellophane," said student Liberty Jackson.

Dalby is part of St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland's Toowoomba Diocese and Diocese Executive Officer Kathie Brosnan said the Dalby conference would put the funds to good use.

"This donation will enable our conference members to provide people who need support with emergency assistance whether that be food or clothing or even help with bills," she said.

"It will go a long way to helping people in Dalby who need a hand up not a hand out.

"We are very thankful for the hard work of the Mini Vinnies group and their passion for helping the less fortunate in our region."

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