



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Angels with scissors visit Vinnies Inala Family Support Centre**

Happiness and confidence was provided free of charge at Vinnies Inala Family Support Centre on Monday 29 October.

18 people were given a fresh hair cut by qualified hairdressers as part of a visit by charity Hair Aid Australia's Community Cuts program, which provides free hairdressing services to people in need.

Vinnies Centre Co-ordinator Liza Dykstra said the event was an extension of the support the facility provided to the local community, having already assisted more than 8000 people in 2018.

"We thought it would be really great to have at our centre because it's so hard for people to find money for food and pay bills and to get a haircut can be really expensive these days," she said.

"They just can't afford it - so it was great we could give them a bit more confidence and hand up.

"It's been a great success, there's a lot of happy people, they were even mingling and making friends, I saw two in the hallway give each other a cuddle, one of them was struggling with bus fare to get home and the other lady gave her two dollars to get her bus - it was so sweet."

Ellen Grove resident Violet Ksiezopolski who had not had a professional hair cut in two and half years said getting a free hair cut was a joyous experience.

"I was in here today asking for some help for some groceries and a lady pointed to a notice on the wall and I thought, oh, what a great idea, because I cut my own hair normally because I can't afford to," she said.

"When you are cutting your own hair you can't see what you are doing and you're not always as good as you'd expect it or like it to be so the fact that someone professional is doing it is going to uplift me and feel like I am somebody.

"Services like this make for a happy day for me. They are angels, angels with scissors.

"I'm going to go out with a smile on my dial today. It means the world, it really does."

Hair Aid Community Cuts will return to the Inala Family Support Centre in December.

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