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With heart there's hope - St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland 2017-18 Annual Report released.

St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) Queensland assisted 331,561 Queenslanders in 2017-18 as detailed in the organisation's annual report published this month.

In total \$231 million was provided to people in need through financial support as well as programs and services.

Among the highlights included in the report are:

- \$6.5 million invested into affordable housing solutions for people at risk of or experiencing homelessness
- \$8.2 million worth of food through vouchers and hampers provided to people in need
- \$1.5 million raised at Vinnies CEO Sleepout and Community Sleepout events
- 1,203 people provided with safe and secure accommodation
- The charity being named a 2018 Queensland Great institution by the Queensland government.

Vinnies Queensland CEO Peter Maher said the report, which also details the work of Vinnies wholly owned subsidiaries Ozcare and Vinnies Housing, shows the breadth and diversity of the organisation's work.

"The report provides a snapshot of our works and programs across the state and demonstrates the importance of our role in giving people a hand up not just a hand out," he said.

"The report includes multiple case studies which detail how our impact is changing lives for the better."

"We could not have helped so many people in need without the outstanding contributions of our 13,378 people including members, volunteers and staff and we thank each and every one of them for their passion and dedication.

"The results in the report are also not possible without the support of our generous donors, Vinnies CEO Sleepout and Vinnies Corporate and Community Sleepout participants, as well as each of our corporate and government partners, to whom we extend our most heartfelt thanks."

The report follows on from Vinnies 2016-17 Annual Report which won a prestigious Gold Award for the second time at the Australasian Reporting Awards. Vinnies will celebrate 125 years of serving the people of Queensland in 2019.

The report is available at www.vinnies.org.au

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