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Vinnies thanks Queenslanders for their support

Vinnies has been overwhelmed with calls and offers of support from generous Queenslanders since launching their Vinnies North Queensland Flood Appeal on Monday.

Vinnies State President Dennis Innes has thanked the public for their quick response and desire to help their fellow Queenslanders, while adding the best way to help North Queensland recover is through financial donations.

“All across the state we have had people calling our offices wanting to know how they can help us assist the people of Townsville and surrounds,” he said.

“Donating money rather than material items at this time is what will help the people of Townsville the most.

“Financial donations help us provide people in need with support and enables us to help the local economy recover as quickly as possible

“As much as we would love to accept all the offers we have had of donated clothing, furniture and other items, it would be hard for us to distribute those items quickly and effectively.”

“Many local small businesses have been hit hard by this unprecedented event, and through monetary donations we can empower those who have been affected by the flooding to help their own communities.

“Your donations will help us continue to make a difference to the people of North Queensland, long after the water has receded and the mud is swept out of homes.”

Vinnies has opened its op-shop and administration centre in Echlin Street to provide assistance to those who have no other means of support for three hours each week day morning, and already has numerous volunteer groups on the ground helping those affected.

Its Flinders Street shop is expected to back up and running from tomorrow while shops in Kirwan and Deeragun have already re-opened.

To make a donation visit <http://bit.ly/DonateNorthQLDFloodAppeal> or call 13 18 12.

For assistance call the Vinnies Helpline on 1800 846 643.

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