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# Media Release

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## Vinnies NT first collection drive in Wagait Beach

The small community of Wagait Beach across the harbour has for the last two weeks, donated generously to Vinnies clothes, toys and furniture. These items were delivered to a drop off point at the Wagait Shire Council Offices and will go towards helping those in need.

The collection drive was initiated when a Vinnies centre manager living in Wagait Beach was asked to take a bag of donations with her on the ferry. This inspired the idea to organise a drive should other community members have items to donate.

St Vincent de Paul CEO Fran Avon said, "Territorians are such generous people and the people of Wagait Beach are a testament to this."

The Northern Territory President of St Vincent de Paul, Fay Gurr is a local resident at Wagait Beach and shared, "This response is not a surprise. I have lived here for a number of years and am always amazed by the kindness and acceptance of people living in this unique community. Although people come and go, there is a real sense of family."

With the success of their first collection drive in Wagait Beach, Vinnies can look at other small rural communities where currently there are no drop off depots to make an appeal for other generous Territorians to give.

Donations are delivered to the distribution warehouse in Coconut Grove where they are sorted and delivered to the ten Vinnies stores in the Territory.

The donations will be available in our Vinnies stores and the proceeds will go towards helping those experiencing a tough time."

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