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Toowoomba Vinnies Volunteers among 10,000 state-wide celebrated for ‘making a world of difference’

Almost 10,000 passionate volunteers are the backbone of Vinnies’ ability to help hundreds of thousands of Queenslanders each year and their dedication is being celebrated this year during National Volunteer Week (20-26 May).

Volunteers at the charity work in their 150 retail shops, their warehouses, support centres providing emergency assistance, housing and food support, and in education and housing programs among many others, giving a hand up to people in need.

Volunteer Veronica Barker, who volunteers her time at Vinnies Newton shop in Toowoomba, said her more than two years giving back through Vinnies is had been a rewarding experience.

“I’d encourage others to volunteer at Vinnies because the work involves a variety of people and a variety of duties,” she said.

“It can be challenging, as you have a range of different tasks such as displaying goods to attract the eye of customers, sorting and preparing stock for sale and learning to price stock.

“In all it is a great experience and I have learnt a great deal.

“I thank Vinnies for opening a store in Newtown.”

Fellow Newtown volunteer Michelle Cummings said it is rewarding to know her volunteering work is helping Vinnies in its mission to help vulnerable people and urged others to consider giving some time.

“I’d encourage others to volunteer at Vinnies because of the sense of accomplishment I get with every sale knowing that the money we raise is going to help people within our community who are in need,” she said.

“The friendships and fun that we have each day makes volunteering more rewarding.”

Vinnies, which celebrates 125 years of helping Queenslanders in 2019, is always on the lookout for more volunteers in its shops and programs and interested people can go to <http://qld.vinnies.org.au/join-us> for more information.

Vinnies which has already assisted more than 6,660 people in Toowoomba so far this year is honouring its volunteers with a thank you campaign on social media during National Volunteer Week.

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