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## Media Release

St Vincent de Paul Society Northern Territory

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### **St Vincent de Paul Society selected by ABC Radio Darwin and ABC Alice Springs as their Christmas Appeal partner**

This year, the St Vincent de Paul Society has been selected as the charity partner for ABC Radio Darwin and ABC Alice Springs Christmas Appeal. This support will enable the St Vincent de Paul Society to support the many Territorians who turn to us for help each Christmas time.

Stephen McClelland of ABC shared, "Each year ABC Radio Darwin and ABC Alice Springs selects a charity to support in the lead up to Christmas. We are very excited to be partnering with St Vincent de Paul Society, we aim to shine a light on the organisation and share stories from Territorians who receive support from these services. We hope the public will wrap their arms around this appeal by donating generously."

Christmas should be a time of sharing and celebration, but for too many it is a time of hunger, stress and hardship. With the support of ABC and the community, St Vincent de Paul Society will be able to deliver to many Territorians a hamper full of food, gifts and vouchers to help cover the necessities over the Christmas holiday season.

The ABC Radio Darwin and ABC Alice Springs and Vinnies NT Christmas Appeal will be asking the community for non-perishable items, gifts and monetary donations, all of which will go towards those needing it most this Christmas.

Last year the St Vincent de Paul Society delivered around 350 hampers to families in need across the Top End. This year we are aiming to deliver more than 400 hampers packed with food and gifts.

Fran Avon, CEO of St Vincent de Paul Society NT stated, "We are so excited to be selected as the partner for the ABC Radio Darwin Christmas Appeal. It will be an amazing support as the numbers needing assistance in Darwin has increased over the past twelve months. With the help of ABC Radio, Darwin and Alice Springs and the community, it will mean St Vincent de Paul Society are able to meet this increased demand.



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Please help us deliver this important message so we can provide support to the many Territorians who need us this Christmas time. <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/abcradiochristmasappeal>

St Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic organisation working towards a more just and compassionate society. [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)

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