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Santa Jaws**

Thank You

to the 2018 Christmas Hamper
Volunteers and Donors

MICAH PROJECTS



Breaking Social Isolation
Building Community

Christmas is a time that can highlight people who are facing adversity and poverty in a community. Micah Projects is in the fortunate position of seeing the strength and generosity of the Brisbane community throughout each year, but especially at Christmas. This year, St Mary's in Exile, the broader Brisbane community and our wonderful network of volunteers stepped up, as usual, to pack and deliver over 500 Christmas hampers. Your spirit and contribution to giving at Christmas continues to make a difference to people in your community.

Heartfelt thanks from all of us at Micah Projects to each of you who contributed to this year's Christmas Hampers. We wish you all the best joys of the season.

Karyn, CEO Micah Projects

Christmas 2018:

- Gifts were distributed for all families working with Micah Projects' teams including Family Support and Advocacy Team, Brisbane Domestic Violence Service, Home for Good, Partners in Recovery, Street to Home and tenants of Brisbane Common Ground.
- Young Mothers for Young Women Brisbane celebrated Christmas this year, with 31 parents and 39 children attending end of year parties. In Caboolture, 12 families participated in the local YMYW Christmas Party.
- 25 families attended a Families Christmas party at Yeronga Park swimming pool and Adopt a Backpack donated all the presents for the children.
- Brisbane Domestic Violence Service hosted Christmas celebrations for 11 women and 20 children.
- Lotus Place hosted 10 Christmas parties this year with 345 people attending in total. Events were held in Brisbane, the Gold Coast, Gympie, Townsville, Mackay, Cairns, Rockhampton and Bundaberg.

Hamper breakdown:

- 155 families received large food hampers
- 109 families received large fresh fruit hampers
- 174 individuals and couples received food hampers
- 113 individuals and couples received fresh fruit hampers
- **Total of 551 hampers** – each large hamper had enough groceries to last a family one week
- In addition to this, 146 individuals at Brisbane Common Ground received food hampers
- 208 volunteer drivers distributed gifts to the Brisbane metropolitan area and beyond, delivering as far away as Caboolture
- **390 volunteers** participated on 24 December
- **Total of \$18,917** was raised by the community to purchase hampers and provide emergency housing so that no child or family are on the street or in cars over Christmas.

Cash donations received: \$18,917

Businesses/organisations – financial and in-kind donors:

- Adopt a Backpack
- Annerley Labor
- Ashurst
- Brisbane City Council
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- Coorparoo Bowls Club
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- CUA
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- Mater Finance and Supply Department
- McDonald's Annerley
- Men of League Foundation
- Norths Junior Rugby
- Posto Café
- RACQ Financial Planning
- Rio Tinto Brisbane
- River City Ballroom
- Rock Community Care
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- Share the Dignity
- Southbank Locksmiths
- Souths Leagues Club
- St Mary's in Exile Community
- Sweet Souls Band
- Terri Butler MP
- The Boundary
- The Framers
- The Services Union
- Tiddlywinks Dance and Play Café
- Waters Edge Residents
- West End Kindergarten
- Women Empowering Women
- Yeronga Park Pool
- Zerosseven.

and thank you to the many families and individual donors who gave so generously.