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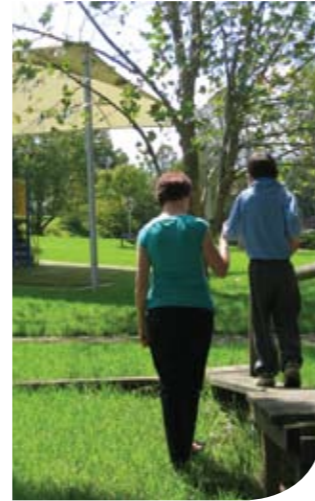
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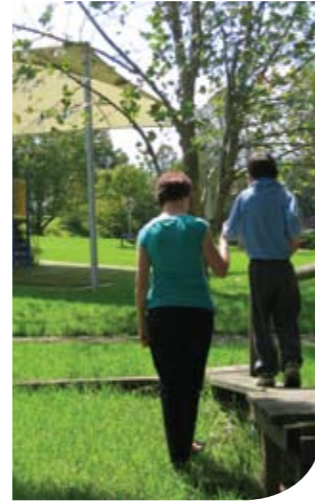
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...who often need a helping hand at their moment of need.

So thank you for your help in making Christmas so special for so many families like Carol's this year. Because of the generous and compassionate support of many friends like you, thousands of needy men, women and children in the Sydney, Illawarra, Shoalhaven, Southern Highlands and Blue Mountains areas experienced a Christmas beyond anything they could ever hoped for through the impact of our Christmas Appeals. And they have been given an even greater gift – the encouragement and hope for a better life.

Your generosity and compassion has truly made a difference in so many lives! 🙏



Thanks to your support and help of many volunteers thousands of children experienced beyond they could have every hoped for.

Moore College Students Connect to Their Community – And So Can You!

Holidays are for rest, play and doing things for yourself, right?

Maybe, but not for four Moore College students who used their Christmas holidays to put wheels on their faith. Hayden Smith, Daniel Webster, Richard Hall and Stewart Playsted became van drivers for ANGLICARE in their break time, collecting and delivering food, gifts and Christmas hampers from all over Sydney.

One of the students, Daniel, said one pick-up was an unexpected blessing. "I had to drive all the

way down to Waterfall to pick up one basket of food... it was wonderful. A small school had put together the basket," Daniel said.

Daniel says his experience made him more aware of how God cares for everyone. "It reminded me of the fact that God's interested in the little things," Daniel said.

If you would like to connect with your community by volunteering with ANGLICARE, please visit us online at www.anglicare.org.au or phone us on 13 26 22. 🙏



Hayden Smith and Daniel Webster (pictured here) volunteered for ANGLICARE during their Christmas break and in doing so were a blessing to others.

Connect with your community though ANGLICARE... like Hayden, Daniel, Richard and Stewart did... and make a greater impact for Christ!



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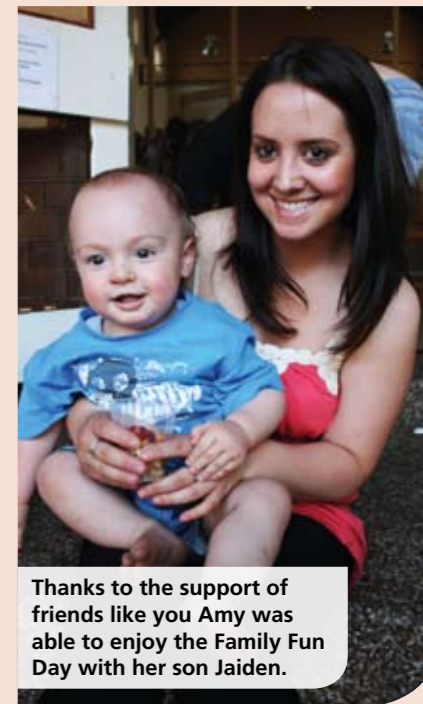
The Carramar Early Interventions Program is a part of ANGLICARE's Child, Youth & Family Services and it provides support for disadvantaged young mothers and their children. We provide accommodation, playgroups, living skills groups, case management, counselling and early childhood support.

Recently the Network of Young Parents Services held a Family Fun Day in Parramatta for 20 young families. Several services were represented during the day that support parents, including the Carramar Program.

Amy, one of ANGLICARE's Carramar clients, says the day was just what she and her 16-month-old son needed.

"It was really nice to attend a community event and know there was a lot of kindness and support in the air. The Family Fun Day was a great opportunity for me to watch my son enjoying the company of other young kids, while I was able to connect with parents and chat about the ups and downs of being a young mum."

On behalf of mums like Amy, thank you for helping make the Carramar Program possible through your ongoing support of ANGLICARE. Your generosity is doing so much for those in need! 🙏



Thanks to the support of friends like you Amy was able to enjoy the Family Fun Day with her son Jaiden.

Outpouring of Donor Support Helps Replace Stolen Toys 'n' Tucker Hampers

Just before Christmas a number of Toys 'n' Tucker Christmas hampers were stolen from Glenquarie Anglican Church, a congregation located in one of Sydney's poorest suburbs.

But thanks to local media attention and the support it generated from supporters like you, every one of the

stolen hampers was replaced and eventually delivered to families in need!

"The heart of the Christmas message is one of immense generosity because God gave His only Son as a gift to the world," says Stephen Swanepoel, minister of Glenquarie Anglican Church. "The replacement of these hampers confirms that this spirit of generosity is alive and well this Christmas."

Thank you for helping make Christmas special for so many families in Glenquarie – families who would have otherwise gone without. 🙏

The replacement of these hampers confirms the true spirit of Christmas is still alive and well!



Local Church Reaches Out to a Troubled Community



Members of the Rosemeadow Parish reach out to their community. Photo taken by Matt Black Productions, courtesy of Anglican Media Sydney.

Rosemeadow is has recently been in the media for troubling incidents of violence. Yet many in our wider community would be unaware of the quiet, patient and compassionate work of care going on in the same community. This work was undertaken by the Rosemeadow parish, who partnered with ANGLICARE to seize the opportunity of sharing the love of Christ in a very practical way by distributing over 500 food hampers to their neighbours in need. In so doing they are demonstrating that Christ brings peace and healing in the midst of conflict and pain.

"Having a church that is willing to step out in small ways with a united front is

a great way to represent the work of Christ," said assistant minister of Rosemeadow and Appin Anglican Church, Dean Reilly. "This is just the start to our Connect '09 campaign... we want to be known as an approachable and positive natured church and I think we are off to a good start."

Dean went on to say that the response to the hampers has been genuine gratitude, with people expressing interest in attending his church, and requesting food and follow-up pastoral visits.

For more information about partnering with your local community please call Darren Farrell on 9895 8000. 🙏