



Lord Mayor's Community Trust

Supporting Brisbane's Charities

Push to give Brisbane's needy a good Christmas

An annual charity campaign that feeds and gives Christmas cheer to about 50 small Brisbane Charities beneath the philanthropic radar kicks off today.

The Christmas Appeal of the Lord Mayor's Community Trust will be launched by Lady Mayoress Lisa Newman and Lord Mayor Campbell Newman together with 20 mums and babies from charity Young Parent Program (YPP).

YPP's Christmas Craft Day – where the 2009 Christmas Appeal is being launched - is a 20-year old tradition, involving hours of Christmas decoration-making in an organiser's house, filled with tree decorations, tinsel and glitter, holly, hats and Christmas cards.

Trust Chair Lisa Newman said the beneficiaries of the LMCT Christmas Appeal were charities helping homeless youth, people with disabilities, individuals with mental illness, the vulnerable escaping domestic violence, and seniors struggling alone.

“This is one of the most important campaigns on our calendar because of the social importance of this time of year and its huge focus on family and warmth,” Mrs Newman said.

“For many of us, Christmas is a happy and fun time. But for people out on the street or suffering from violence Christmas can be one of the most difficult times to cope, which is why it's important we give these people the support they need at this difficult time.”

Lord Mayor Campbell Newman said the Christmas Appeal provided financial grants, toys and food vouchers to about 50 Brisbane charities every year and had raised over \$500,000 since 2004 to help Brisbane's needy at Christmas.

The Trust deliberately seeks out charities that provide prevention and support services for people and families who are homeless, suffering mental illness or disability, or offer services for drug or alcohol additions, trauma, abuse or neglect.

Young Parent Program supports young women aged 19 and under through pregnancy, childbirth and child raising. There are 180 young mothers in the program.

You can support the LMCT Christmas Appeal by phoning 3403 6759 or visiting www.lmct.org.au

The Christmas Presentation to Brisbane charities will be made on December 9 at Foodbank Queensland in Colmslie.

A selection of the charities supported through the LMCT Christmas Appeal is overleaf.

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A selection of the charities supported through the LMCT Christmas Appeal

Acacia Ridge Community Support Inc	Acacia Ridge
Hope Empowered Inc	Alderley
Queensland Baptist Care - Orana Youth Shelter	BRENDALE
Our Lady of Graces SVDP Conference Carina	Carindale
Community Action in Carole Park	Carole Park
Southside Education	Coopers Plains
Searchlight	Coopers Plains
Indigenous Family & Child Support Services	Coorparoo DC
Muscular Dystrophy Association of QLD Inc	Eagle Farm BC
Scripture Union Qld	Eagle Farm BC
Windana Support Centre	Everton Park
Glad Tidings City Church	Fortitude Valley
Glad Tidings City Church - New Horizons	Fortitude Valley
Queensland Injectors Health Network	Fortitude Valley
Aunties & Uncles (QLD) Ltd	Fortitude Valley
Family & Kids Care Foundation Inc	Kingston
Prison Transport Group	Lutwyche
The Pyjama Foundation Inc	Lutwyche
Gateway Baptist Benevolent Works QBC	Mansfield
Gateway Community Group Inc	Morningside
Southside Community Care	Mt Gravatt Plaza
Spiritus Anglican Women's Hostel	New Farm
Spiritus - Alina Service	Nundah
Sandgate & Bracken Ridge Action Group Inc	Sandgate
Sherwood Neighbourhood Inc	Sherwood
Save the Children Australia	South Brisbane
Sisters Inside Inc	South Brisbane
Mater Foundation	South Brisbane
Domestic Violence Resource Centre Inc	South Brisbane
Bric Housing Company	Spring Hill
Young Parents Program Inc	Stafford
Othila's Young Women's Housing & Support Service	Stones Corner
Mission Australia	Stones Corner
Spiritus - St Mary's Support & Accommodation Program	Toowong
Sisters of the Good Samaritan Foundation	Wavell Heights
Migrant Women's Emergency Support Service	West End
Youth Housing Project	Windsor
Spina Bifida Association	Woolloongabba
Babi Youth & Family Service	Wynnum
North East Community Support Group	Zillmere
Koobara Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Kindergarten	Zillmere

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