

Media Release: Charitable partnership supporting Territorians most in need

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Almost 6,000 items of clothes, toiletries, linen and other essential items have been provided to Territorians thanks to the partnership between the Northern Territory branches of GIVIT and Mission Australia, and the generosity of private and corporate donors.

Mission Australia NT Regional Leader Michael Soler said that GIVIT has been an important source for donations of goods at Mission Australia Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Service and the Sobering up Shelter.

“The people that we support often come from challenging and vulnerable places, and it makes a big difference to be able to provide them with quality goods that help enhance their confidence and support their health and wellbeing.

“Clothing and toiletry items are always on the top of our list, as are new and quality underwear for men and women. Men’s clothing items are also always welcome as these seem to be hard to come by here,” said Mr Soler.

GIVIT Northern Territory Coordinator Tali Dunnage-Burke explains that through the GIVIT website, registered Australian charities are able to request exactly what is needed by their clients. The requests are listed on the GIVIT website, where every day Australians, individuals, organisations and businesses, can donate goods in response.

“GIVIT has been working closely with Mission Australia in both Darwin and Alice Springs since June 2019 to source desperately needed items for households and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities facing a variety of hardships. Important donations of toiletries, linen, new clothing, furniture and beds for Mission Australia NT have been pledged by our wonderful corporate donors Hanes Australasia, Hilton Group and Jape Furnishing Superstore.

“Recently, Mission Australia’s Sobering Up Shelter also received 2,000 brand new items of women’s clothing from corporate donor Mosaic Clothing Ltd, sharing the gift of new clothes, and restoring a sense of dignity for recipients going through hardship,” said Ms Dunnage-Burke.

Mr Soler said Mission Australia Northern Territory was continuing to provide its essential services to Territorians, whilst carefully navigating COVID-19 restrictions.



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“Our ability to prioritise continuing to deliver our vital services is incredibly important during this public health crisis, because we know that the most vulnerable in our communities are the most greatly impacted. We are taking every precaution to protect each other and the people we serve. While we practice maintaining a safe physical distance, many of our services have moved to providing support for clients by phone, email, text messages or other types of online communication and connection where possible,” said Mr Soler.

Mission Australia manages a number of facilities throughout the Northern Territory, in Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs. These facilities include sobering up shelters, an AOD residential rehabilitation facility, transitional accommodation and short-term housing. Mission Australia also provide a variety of community support services such as suicide prevention, home support, youth programs such as Missionbeat and also provide input into research and community development.

GIVIT is free, private and easy to use, and currently supports over 3,200 charities across Australia. To donate items, funds or services, please pledge them online at GIVIT.org.au.

To donate to Mission Australia, visit the Mission Australia website; missionaustralia.com.au, or call 1800 88 88 68.

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Photo attached: (L-R) GIVIT Northern Territory Coordinator Tali Dunnage-Burke and Mission Australia Program Manager Natasha Worthington, sort through donations at the Mission Australia Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Service.

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