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## TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS TO GIVIT HELP THOUSANDS OF CHARITIES FROM DV SURVIVORS TO BUSHFIRE DEVASTATED COMMUNITIES

With the EOFY inspiring Australians to help those doing it tough instead of the ATO, national online charity GIVIT is calling for tax-deductible donations to help them provide even greater support to their registered network of over 3,300 charities.

100% of donations GIVIT receives are used to purchase essential items for people in need, and wherever possible GIVIT buys from local, independent and family-run businesses.

GIVIT CEO Sarah Tennant said due to the economic impact of Coronavirus, more Australians than ever need support from charities and community organisations such as those registered with GIVIT.

"With negative economic impacts being felt across the country, we are already seeing a significant increase in people needing assistance and expect this to rise over the coming months – including many who may never have found themselves in such a vulnerable position before," said Ms Tennant.

"That's why we're encouraging Australians and businesses, who are in a position to give, to make a tax-deductible donation that can make an immediately tangible difference to a people in need."

"GIVIT's online donation platform is a safe and practical way of donating to those most vulnerable and have been hardest hit by this ongoing public health crisis."

Donations to GIVIT supports drought and bushfire-affected households and families, people experiencing homelessness and living with disability, Indigenous communities, vulnerable children, survivors of domestic violence and so many more.

To make a tax-deductible donation visit www.givit.org.au

Even a small donation can significantly help someone in need, such as:

- \$20 can provide stationery and public transport for students struggling to afford items due to lost income and employment opportunities.
- \$50 can provide vouchers for residents at aged care homes in need of important pharmacy items, or books to keep occupied through ongoing COVID-19 health restrictions.
- \$100 can provide organisations supporting remote Indigenous communities with important educational toys and school stationery for their children.
- \$150 can provide a voucher so struggling families can buy groceries, and prepare more nutritious meals for their children.
- \$400 can allow GIVIT to purchase 8 sleeping bags and warm clothes for homeless people, or appliances for a mother moving into her new home after escaping domestic violence.

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As in disasters and emergencies such as the recent bushfires, GIVIT is working with all levels of government and over 3,300 registered charities and community groups to best manage donations and ensure people impacted by COVID-19 have access to essential items when they need them.

Ms Tennant also urged all Australian charities, schools, councils and community groups to register via <u>GIVIT.org.au</u> to access thousands of wonderful donations pledged from generous individuals and corporates, for the people they're supporting through the Coronavirus crisis and beyond.

## For more information or to arrange an interview please contact E: media@givit.org.au M: 0444 503 759

## **About GIVIT**

GIVIT is the smart way to give. Through <u>GIVIT.org.au</u>, we channel generosity where it is needed to support vulnerable people and communities in Australia.

Working with more than 3,200 support organisations, we ensure people get what they need when they need it most – whether recovering from a disaster event, or experiencing hardship due to circumstances such as drought, domestic and family violence, homelessness, disability, and mental health.

GIVIT captures all offers of goods and services online, removing the need for charities and services to sort, store and dispose of unsolicited donations, saving valuable resources.

100% of donated funds received by GIVIT to support people in need are used to purchase essential items. We buy locally, wherever possible, to support local businesses. GIVIT's operational costs are covered by government contracts and our amazing corporate partners.

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