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The Murraylands Christmas Appeal is again supporting those who are in need in our community. Council is supporting the efforts of ac.care, St.Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) and the Salvation Army seeking donations of food and toys for local families this Christmas.

Chief Executive Officer Michael Sedgman said, "The pressures of Christmas can be very stressful for people in need and your generosity and support will go a long way"

"The 2021 appeal was able to reach 304 vulnerable families and provide toys for almost 210 children. Our community organisations could not reach the number of people they do without the valued assistance they receive from community members," he said.

Support for the appeal can be made by donating money directly to the charity of choice, donating in-date non-perishable food items or donating toys (unwrapped) – suitable for children under the age of 14. This year the organisations mentioned will be utilising Food Bank vouchers instead of distributing food hampers with all food donations being given to Food Bank for distribution.

Donations of toys or food (non-perishable) are now being gratefully accepted. Monetary donations or cash cards should be provided directly to the charity of choice, which can then provide you with a tax deductible receipt upon request. Donated goods can be handed in at the offices of each charity indicated on or before Wednesday 15 December 2022.

ac.care, The Salvation Army and Vinnies Murray Bridge would like to extend their appreciation in advance for all the donations received for the 2022 Murraylands Christmas Appeal," said Mr Sedgman.

For more information, please contact Ranae at Salvation Army on 0408 099 682 or Thanuja at ac.care on 8531 4900.

Donation forms can be found at <https://www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/services/your-community/community-events/christmashamperappeal>