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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### New Brisbane coordinator launches caring Christmas appeal

Rosies Brisbane Branch, supporting those who are marginalised within our community – especially those who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or simply lonely, has launched its Christmas appeal today with a call out for caring volunteers and donations including presents.

Christmas can be one of the loneliest days of the year for many. Rosies will host a number of celebrations across various locations in Queensland. Christmas on the Street will be held on Monday, 21 December from 8.00pm at Emma Place, with another planned.

New Brisbane branch coordinator, Leigh Cusack, said Christmas is traditionally a time for family get-togethers and celebrations but it is also an opportunity to think about those less fortunate in our community. Leigh has been involved for Rosies as a volunteer and will use her broad range of professional experience and organisation skill to now coordinate branch activities.

'Our Christmas on the Street event has been running for many years thanks to the support of the Brisbane community but we need presents and donations for our many friends,' Ms Cusack said.

'We are also looking to organise a BBQ on Christmas day and need help so let us know if you are able to volunteer, or donate presents or items, at our State Support Office', she said.

Andrew O'Brien, Rosies general manager said that whilst many organisations provide a food feast, the real human need is the need for friendship and unconditional acceptance.

'Through the joy of friendship Rosies' volunteers aim to do just that, acknowledging human dignity and inspire an increased self-reliance,' Mr O'Brien said.

'It's amazing what a simple cuppa, bit to eat, and a chat can do,' he said.

We are looking for hampers and presents for our many friends on the street. Christmas items for take-away food parcels such as tinned food (ham, fish, puddings etc), sweets, savoury snacks, biscuits, nuts, soft drinks, juices. Items for Christmas presents as diverse as t-shirts, caps, other clothing items, backpacks, cups, pens, books, magazines. Items should be new and unwrapped. Monetary donations will be used to buy cold and fresh items (chicken, ham, bread rolls etc).

'Rosies is also looking for a new coordinator in Wynnum to be our champion area and make a difference in Brisbane's bayside,' Mr O'Brien said.

Find out more or make or donate now at [www.rosies.org.au](http://www.rosies.org.au)

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## About Rosies

Rosies provides unconditional acceptance and friendship to people who are marginalised within our community - especially those who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or simply lonely.

Rosies is a volunteer-based not for profit organisation that commenced in Queensland in 1987 as a youth mission. Rosies commenced in Cairns over 20 years ago.

Today, we have grown to reach out to all of our friends on the street, in the courts, detention centres, prisons, and drop-in centres. We continue to engage youth, and the community, through education, awareness, and volunteer programs. These all play a vital role in prevention and support. Over 95% of our work is funded through kind donations from our local community.

Through the joy of friendship we aim to acknowledge human dignity and inspire an increased self-reliance. Rosies is non-preaching and non-discriminatory.

As true friends, our volunteers are committed to be there irrespective of weather; socialise with our friends without prejudice; provide a cuppa and bite to eat; provide other basic support needs; and connect with services or support agencies.

Rosies was established in Rosebud, Victoria in 1975. We are a Catholic Charity of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate formed by the love of Jesus Christ.

## Media enquiries

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