



Dear School, Business

The Samaritans Foundation works together with its local community to offer support and strength to those in need. This winter we are calling on you to help provide this strength to those who need it most.

During winter time the numbers of those who require this support increase significantly and our Emergency Relief services see a growth in the number of people in our local community who become more reliant on the food, clothing and funds that Samaritans aims to provide.

To ensure we always have these resources available we encourage you to get involved in **Winter Woollies Week** this June and offer your support to Samaritans by organising a fundraiser or donating.

Working in our community for over 25 years Samaritans now has around 166 services and outlets, 487 paid staff and over 600 generous volunteers. We provide accommodation, respite care and activities for 589 people with a disability and their families and Emergency Relief to over 10,000 families and individuals annually.

Nearly 120,000 customers purchase quality clothing from our nine recycling shops across the region. Last year we supported 657 young people who were homeless, or at risk of homelessness, and provided 1107 children with family or in home care, long day care or preschool services.

Emergency Relief is always critical as we approach the winter months. **Samaritans needs your help** to support the increased numbers of people in need. Please refer to the enclosed "**How to Get Involved**" flyer to see what part you can play in helping Samaritans and your local community this winter.

There are many ways in which you can help us so that we can help those in our region who need it most. We look forward to receiving your Registration Form/authority to fundraise (enclosed in this pack or available online at www.winterwoolliesweek.com.au) to confirm your involvement.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Community Relations Department on 4960 7150.

Kind Regards,

Fiona Keddie,

Community Relations Manager

Be an Angel in your Community this Winter