



**What did the sea say to Santa?  
Nothing! It just waved!**

# Thank You

to the 2017 Christmas Hamper  
Volunteers and Donors

MICAH PROJECTS



Breaking Social Isolation  
Building Community

*A community is defined by the way it treats the most vulnerable; those facing the most adversity. At Micah Projects, we are reminded of the strength of the Brisbane community all year but especially at Christmas. We are most grateful for the generosity of St Mary's in Exile, the broader Brisbane community and our many valued volunteers who packed and delivered Christmas hampers. Your spirit and contribution to giving a gift at Christmas time continues to make a difference.*

*From all of us at Micah Projects, our heartfelt thanks to each of you who contributed to this year's Christmas Hampers.*

Karyn, CEO Micah Projects

#### **Christmas 2017:**

- Gifts for all families working with Micah Projects' teams including Family Support and Advocacy Team, Brisbane Domestic Violence Service, Home for Good, Partners in Recovery, Street to Home and tenants of Brisbane Common Ground.
- 20 families, including 29 adults and 58 children, attended the Families' Christmas Party at the Yeronga Park Pool. Sincere thanks to Yeronga Park Pool for donating free entry; to GIVIT and Mt Gravatt Kindergarten who donated children's swimming togs and towels; and to Adopt a Backpack for donating children's gifts.
- 17 women and 30 children attended the Brisbane Domestic Violence Service Christmas Party. Gifts were generously donated by St John's Ambulance, RizeUp, Queensland Rail and Opal Raynbird Place.
- In addition, Lotus Place held a total of 9 Christmas events in Brisbane, Gold Coast, Gympie, Townsville, Mackay, Cairns, Burdekin, Bundaberg and Rockhampton attended by a total of 391 people. Gift vouchers were provided in lieu of hampers for 40 individuals and couples in regional areas.

#### **Hamper breakdown:**

- 120 families received large food hampers
- 100 families received large fresh fruit hampers
- 205 individuals and couples received food hampers
- 105 individuals and couples received fresh fruit hampers
- **Total of 530 hampers** - each large hamper had enough groceries to last a family one week
- In addition to this, 143 individuals at Brisbane Common Ground received a food hamper
- 215 volunteer drivers distributed gifts to the Brisbane metropolitan area and beyond, delivering as far away as Caboolture and the Gold Coast
- **310 volunteers** participated on 21 and 22 December
- **Total of \$18,295** was raised by the community to purchase hampers and provide emergency housing so that no child or family are on the street or in cars over Christmas.

## **Cash Donations received \$18,295**

Businesses/Organisations - Financial and In-Kind Donors:

- Adopt a Backpack
- ANZ Bank West End
- Ashurst
- Body Organics
- CBA George Street
- Centacare Mitchelton
- Charter Hall
- Coles Supermarkets
- Councillor Jonathan Sri
- CUA
- Department of Environment and Science
- Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Honourable Di Farmer MP
- Honourable Jackie Trad MP
- Educare
- English Family Foundation
- GIVIT
- Grill'd West End
- Gumdale State School
- Healthworks West End
- Institute for Healthy Communities Australia
- Intuit Works
- Lady Gowrie Childcare Centre
- Liberty Highgate Hill
- Marcia's on Montague
- Mater Adults Hospital Social Work Department
- Mater Procurement Team
- Morgans Financial
- Mt Gravatt Kindergarten
- Mt Maria College Mitchelton
- Opal Raynbird Place
- Our Lady's Past Pupils Association
- Queensland Health, Connected Care Program
- Queensland Parliamentary Council
- Queensland Rail
- Rio Tinto Brisbane
- River City Ballroom
- RizeUp
- Rock Community Care
- Rydges Cairns
- Schoolstuff
- Senator Claire Moore
- St John's Ambulance
- St Vincent's Private Hospital Brisbane
- St Mary's in Exile community
- Terri Butler MP
- The Services Union
- Quota Brisbane South
- United Firefighters Union Queensland Branch
- VP Training and Development
- West End Creche and Kindergarten
- Yeronga Park Pool
- Zeroseven.

and thank you to the many families and individual donors who gave so generously.