SANCTUARY HOUSING

A Sanctuary Christmas:

Urgent Appeal

We are urgently raising funds to keep 100 women, children and pets safe this Christmas.



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Christmas
at Sanctuary

Christmas is one of the hardest times of year for the women and children who come to us. In NSW, domestic violence assaults are 78% higher on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Many arrive with nothing but what they could carry. No home, no money, no family to turn to and nowhere safe to go. Some bring a dog or cat they would not leave behind. Without help, their children would wake up on Christmas morning with nothing.

We give them somewhere safe and support every day. In the lead-up to Christmas we hold a pizza party with decorations and a wrapped present for every child. On Christmas Day, every family gets a hamper and we celebrate together.

That care, beyond a bed, comes from you. That is why we are appealing for your help this year.



For many mums, it is the first calm Christmas in years.

Christmas ideas that feel good



CORPORATE IDEAS

- Fund a Home: sponsor a unit for a year
- Staff volunteer days with our families
- Build or refresh a space, like our playground
- Hold a fundraising event
- Match what your staff give
- Volunteer with a donation, or wrap your hampers with us (few dates left)
- Sponsor our pizza party or hampers
- Put up a Giving Tree for wrapped gifts

Our services and programs need donations the most.

Our Thank You Wall

Every donor and workplace is thanked by name on our website this Christmas. Rather stay anonymous? Just tell us.

DONATE VIA PAYPAL

Secure PayPal checkout. Donations of $2 or more are tax deductible.

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Choose your gift.
Every item matters.

100 people and pets sleep safely with us every night. Each gift below pays for something real. Pick one, or give any amount.



Fund a Home: $25,000

Urgent: one unit is funded thanks to ClubGRANTS, but support is down and four still need sponsors. 12 months in a furnished Ashfield unit.



Gifts for women

Pamper pack $40 | Pyjamas $25 | Candle $20 | Hair or nails $60 | Gift card $50. Women get overlooked at Christmas. Not here.



Pre-Christmas pizza party

A pizza $15 | Drinks $100 | The whole party $1,500. Pizza, decorations and a wrapped present for every child.



Hampers and gift cards

Christmas Day hamper $100 | Coles card $50 | A gift card for her $50, so she can choose something special for herself.



Presents for kids and teens

Girls and boys 0 to 12: $30 a present | Teen girls: Mecca gift card $50 | Teen boys: headphones or footy gear $50.



Christmas for pets

Toys $15 | Food $30 | Bed $50 | Lead $20. Dogs, cats, guinea pigs and chickens all stay with us.

Give where it is needed most

Our services and programs need donations the most: safe beds, meals, case management and pet care, all year. Or drop off new, wrapped gifts in Ashfield. Email admin@shltd.org.au.

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Fund a Home:

sponsor a unit

Urgent: we have not had the level of support for Fund a Home that we had last year. One unit is fully funded thanks to ClubGRANTS. We urgently need sponsors for the other four.

There are very few affordable rentals in Sydney. Without a next step, women leaving crisis risk going back to an unsafe home. $25,000 gives a woman and her children 12 months in a furnished Ashfield unit, with meals, bills and case management covered, and frees a crisis bed for the next woman.



It bridges the gap between crisis accommodation and a permanent home.

How you can help this Christmas



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OUR CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

- Christmas gifts (children 0 to 5, 6 to 12 and teens)
- gift cards and supermarket vouchers
- toiletries, pyjamas and baby needs
- pet care: food, vet visits, leads and beds
- moving-on packs (kettles, toasters, bedding)
- Christmas hampers, or host a lunch and donate
- hold a fundraising event: charity dinner, trivia night, gift drive
- volunteer days and pro bono help
- Fund a Home ($25,000)

New items only; email admin@shltd.org.au to arrange drop-off.

Give this Christmas

Perhaps host a Christmas lunch or Giving Tree at work and donate what you raise. It buys hampers, gift cards, presents and our pre-Christmas pizza party.

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