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Kim Clark
Secretary
Motorcycle Riders Association of the ACT

Via e mail

Dear Kim

I am writing to thank you for your continued support of the St John's Care Christmas activities.

I was thrilled to be present at OPH to receive the magnificent cash donation from the MRA ACT. Your members and supporters are incredibly generous to us and to the Salvation Army. It is only through many kind and generous donors such as your organisation that we can provide gifts and food hampers to the needy at Christmas time.

Last year in the Present Room, we were able to provide major gifts, books and stocking fillers for around 525 children who otherwise might not have received much at Christmas. We were also able to give out toys to families coming to our Emergency Relief Centre (ERC) who did not meet the criteria for accessing the Present Room.

As well, we provided Christmas hampers to the 237 families who attended the Present Room and used the remainder of our 300 hampers in the ERC in the week before Christmas. In the three weeks of December when we were open for business, we saw 440 clients in the ERC. This is more than we would usually expect to see in an entire month. Those who didn't receive full Christmas hampers received some Christmas items along with their regular groceries and fresh food.

On Christmas Day, we provided a 2-course lunch for over 250 people plus soft drinks, tea and coffee and cake. As well, there were bon bons, Christmas carols for all to join in led by our wonderful musicians, a visit from Santa Claus and bags of sweets to take home.

Please pass on my heartfelt thanks to the members of the MRA for their support and my best wishes for 2018.

Kind regards



Rhonda Thorpe
Operations Manager