

Media release

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Hard working students making a difference

UnitingCare and Target have again joined forces for the 21st year of Operation Santa, the UnitingCare Christmas Appeal. Students at NumberWorks'nWords, a tutoring service in Subiaco, have been working together to donate food and toys to those most in need.

"For the past 21 years we've been asking people, in the spirit of Christmas, to give an extra present to those in our community who are less fortunate," Sue Ash, UnitingCare West CEO, "we greatly appreciate the support from the families at NumberWorks'nWords".

All food and gifts collected by NumberWorks'nWords will be distributed to families and individuals requiring emergency relief during the Christmas season by Uniting Aid, a partner of UnitingCare West.

"This has given the kids an opportunity to really put thought into their donations, and to realise that others may not have the same Christmas that they do", Janice McGuire, NumberWorks'nWords manager.

This year the Operation Santa team is reminding people that 'a little gift makes a big difference'.

How can the community help? Take a gift tag from the red Christmas tree in your local Target store and donate a gift to someone in need. Alternatively, you can purchase gift cards from any Target checkout.

UnitingCare representatives will collect the gifts and ensure they are distributed to those in need in time for Christmas morning. As far as possible, gifts go to people in the local community where they are donated.

Operation Santa runs from Thursday 8 November to Sunday 23 December 2012. For more information about Operation Santa and UnitingCare West, visit www.unitingcarewest.org.au

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