

MEDIA RELEASE

Date: 26th March 2013

Event: Easter egg hunt at UnitingCare West's Trinity Learning Centre Crèche

Date: Tuesday 26th March **Time:** 12.00pm – 1.00pm

Location: UnitingCare West, 16 Sunbury Road, Victoria Park, WA 6100

The Easter Bunny Has Arrived!

Thanks to community generosity, children received an early surprise when the Easter bunny arrived at UnitingCare West's Trinity Learning Centre crèche (TLC).

Nicolette Mullan, a mother of two, rallies her friends, family and local businesses each Easter to donate chocolate goodies to children who receive UnitingCare West services.

These include children of teenage mothers who complete their secondary education through TLC, youngsters in care who cannot live with their families, as well as vulnerable families on low incomes. Over 1,000 bunnies and chocolate eggs were donated and distributed last year.

Nicolette, who immigrated from South Africa to Perth 11 years ago, says each year her daughters had so many eggs left over after Easter she thought she would 'pay it forward'.

"I just thought how lucky they were to get so spoiled and that there must be less fortunate children out there that would appreciate a few of these treats."

"I started the Easter Egg Fundraiser 3 years ago and I must say that my kids and I and all my friends look forward to it each year. It is such a wonderful feeling, to know that you can bring joy and happiness to a few children."

"I think the most important part of this fundraiser is the fact that it doesn't matter how small the gesture, the joy it brings to these children is huge and it is special to know that you can make a difference, no matter how small," Nicolette said.

Sue Ash, Chief Executive Officer at UnitingCare West said it is important to mark the occasion for children and celebrate Easter.

"The children really enjoy the egg hunt; it is wonderful to see so many smiles. Easter represents new beginnings and inspires hope and we are very thankful to Nicolette and the community for supporting others at this special time," Sue said.

TLC supports young women aged 13-18 years who are pregnant or parenting. Mothers are provided with academic support to complete their secondary education as well as free crèche facilities onsite which promotes positive parenting.

TLC was established in 1987 and celebrated its 25th birthday last year. Over 400 women have been through the program during this time.

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More information on the TLC program can be found on the [UnitingCare West website](http://unitingcarewest.org.au).