

Jeans donated to Perth's homeless

As part of UnitingCare West's Winter Appeal, on the 28 of June, over 370 pairs of jeans were distributed at Tranby Day Centre for people experiencing homelessness.

"The jeans will definitely go a long way with Tranby clients. A lot of the people who seek support only have the clothes on their backs and have no opportunity to change their clothes or do laundry" says Sue Ash, UnitingCare West CEO.

Individuals were able to select a pair of jeans or two and were invited to stay for a morning tea of pastries and warm drinks afterwards.

"It has been a great morning. It gave clients the chance to select a luxury item and you could tell that they had a lot of fun choosing their jeans and trying them on" says Anne Maroni, Manager Homelessness Support Services at UnitingCare West.

UnitingCare West would like to particularly thank GR Engineering, Cottesloe Uniting Church, St Aiden's Claremont Uniting Church and Dome East Victoria Park for their kind denim donations.

Donations to the Winter Appeal will support Tranby Day Centre by providing much needed funds for breakfasts, take away meals, showers and clothing for walk in clients, five days a week. A mental health nurse, Centrelink, and a GP are also available on site.

Tranby assists nearly 160 people each morning and has seen a dramatic increase in the number of families seeking support.

"Over 10 families each week request emergency assistance from Tranby, often because of illness or domestic violence. Increasingly many are living out of their car because they do not have stable employment and cannot find affordable housing." says Sue Ash, UnitingCare West CEO.

Tranby is in constant need of warm clothing, such as beanies and socks, as well as travel sized toiletries for clients. To make a donation to Tranby, contact the UnitingCare West Inner City Centre on 9220 1288.

For more information about UnitingCare West, visit the website www.unitingcarewest.org.au.

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Event Details

UnitingCare West Jeans distribution

Venue: Tranby Day Centre, 5/5 Aberdeen Street, East Perth 6000.

Time: 10.30am – 12.00pm

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