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MEDIA RELEASE

Christmas Eve Bacon and Eggs for Homeless

Tranby Day Centre will continue to spread the Christmas cheer for those in need this Christmas by serving a delicious hot breakfast on Christmas Eve.

The centre expects to see 170 people in the morning and individuals will be treated to bacon, sausages, tomatoes and eggs which will be served from the usual time of 7:00am onwards.

The festive season for the homeless is not a time of joy and happiness, as it is for many people. It can be a reminder of how hard it is living it rough, when the communities around them are celebrating, purchasing gifts and food.

"The Christmas Eve breakfast is a lovely morning sharing food and laughter. We get the opportunity to provide festive cheer and wish a Merry Christmas to those experiencing challenging times." David Cain, Executive Manager Independent Living and Accommodation Services, UnitingCare West.

Tranby Day Centre is a service of UnitingCare West that provides day support to homeless individuals, as well as those at risk of becoming homeless, through the provision of a safe and inclusive environment.

Tranby Day Centre is a drop-in facility offering showers and material support, free breakfast and low cost sandwiches along with a range of long term assistance including access to the Community Centrelink Team, Mobile GP, Street Lawyer and Individual Disability Advocate service.

"The Tranby Day Centre is a safe and supportive space offering those in need in the community access to advice and support. The centre has served a staggering 33,952 breakfasts to people this year. The Tranby Christmas Eve Breakfast helps to spread the true spirit of giving at Christmas, by providing support to fellow members of our community." Sue Ash, CEO UnitingCare West.

The centre operates from Monday to Friday from 7am to 12pm and is located at Unit 6 No. 5, Aberdeen Street, East Perth.

For further information on the Homelessness and Support Services provided by UnitingCare West, to donate or to volunteer, please call 1300 663 298 or to see view our services online www.unitingcarewestorg.au.

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About UnitingCare West

UnitingCare West is a community service agency that has a mission to support, serve and empower people most in need. Our organisation is founded on Christian principles and values with the



particular Christian ethos of the Uniting Church in Australia. UnitingCare West operates a range of community service programs across Perth, reaching as far North as Merriwa and as far South as Bunbury, in the areas of community housing, accommodation, homelessness, family support, mental health and disability services. UnitingCare West's clients include those in the community experiencing financial hardship, domestic violence, child abuse, mental health issues and disability to name a few.