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Christmas Day lunch for families in need at The Boatshed Restaurant

This year, a number of families involved with UnitingCare West will be treated to a delicious lunch on Christmas Day at The Boatshed Restaurant in South Perth. More than 100 people including 60 children will receive a Christmas celebration to remember.

The event has run for a number of years and originates from the generosity of restaurant owner Graeme Millar who simply wants to give back to the community. The lunch is by invitation only for families and children currently accessing a number of different UnitingCare West programs and services including financial counselling, emergency assistance, parenting support and supported accommodation.

These families face a number of challenges ; on Christmas Day all of these can be forgotten, as the children will be welcomed by Father Christmas who will hand out presents donated by The Boatshed Restaurant. A full Christmas buffet, complete with all the trimmings and delicious desserts will be served.

UnitingCare West is delighted to have formed a partnership with The Boatshed Restaurant, which came about through the support of philanthropist Ros Worthington's OAM, and is grateful for Graeme Millar's generosity to host families on Christmas Day.

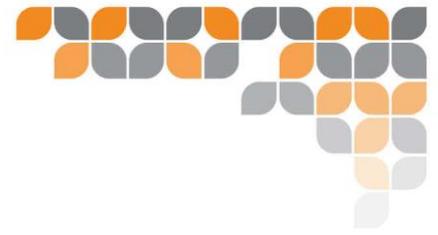
Kim Brooklyn, Acting CEO of UnitingCare West, says *"UnitingCare West supports many families that struggle financially and otherwise and we are extremely grateful to Graeme and The Boatshed Restaurant for their generous contribution to the community. Thanks to The Boatshed Restaurant these families will have a different Christmas experience this year."*

Date: Sunday 25 December 2016, Christmas Day

Time: 12am-3pm

Address: The Boatshed Restaurant, Coode St, South Perth WA 6151

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About UnitingCare West

UnitingCare West is there for those most in need; providing a broad range of services and partnerships that build healthier, more resilient, and better connected communities. UnitingCare West operates over 36 community service programs from 17 sites across Perth, reaching as far north as Merriwa and as far south as Great Southern, in the areas of community housing, accommodation, homelessness, family support, mental health and disability services.