



Your Impact

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Thank You for helping us *Keep our Children Warm*

We can't do the work we do, without the support of our Community.

In winter we see a decline in school attendance, which is driven by poverty and illness. We know children living in cold, unhealthy homes are at greater risk of developing respiratory and other illnesses, which by default results in more time off school and disengagement from the classroom. We Got You launched the Keep Our Children Warm and Knit For Kids Blanket Drive in response to the overwhelming need that we have identified first-hand in the community.

Our aim was simple: To rally our communities to help keep our children warm through the donation of blankets and hand-knitted items. Providing blankets to families in need means that more children can stay warm in their homes and be well-rested for school.



IMPACT SNAPSHOT SO FAR

111

Blankets donated in
Term 2

82

Children and Whānau
Supported





The Real Stories

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"We delivered blankets to a family with 4 children. They were all sleeping on the floor in the lounge, on wooden floors, covered with a woven mat. There was a small couch that Dad slept on. This family was dealing with pretty bad health issues and one child was already in Starship Hospital being treated for a severe illness that could have been prevented. Although it didn't solve all their problems, the whānau was extremely grateful for the blankets for their children."



"Today 5 blankets went out to a lovely family living in poverty. They said the skyrocketing cost of living had really impacted them. The little girl loved her knitted blanket so much she was wearing it like a shawl and was so happy to have something for herself."



"All the kids in our mentor programme took a blanket home. Some shared they don't remember the last time they had a new blanket and were so grateful. Some of them thought of their mum and took one home for her too."

"Thanks heaps for your work with the blankets. Mum was super grateful this morning when I gave her the blankets. She said they were nicer than anything they had ever had at home."



"I delivered blankets to a family with 4 children living in poverty. The home had little to no furniture. When we dropped off 4 blankets for each of the children, we realised that all 6 of them were sleeping on two queen beds. We were able to drop off a single bed to help ease this overcrowding, and supplied blankets to furnish the new bed as well."



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"A family I am working with are always away sick. There are 6 of them in the house. I gave them a few blankets to hopefully help keep them warm and keep the sickness away. They were so grateful."



"This family had 5 children and were living in social housing. They had moved multiple times over the years and it was hard on the kids being in another new community. The blankets we gifted were a nice boost for the kids."

"Today I sent out a blanket to a young person who was having a baby. We were able to provide blankets for both the mum and baby on the way. They were very grateful as it was one less thing they had to worry about."

"I just delivered 3 blankets to a solo mum with three children. She's been struggling to make ends meet, so buying warm blankets wasn't her priority despite how much they needed them."

