

Tell your kindergarten or school
about *Sydney Basket Brigade!*



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We would love your kindergarten or school to get involved with helping the Sydney Basket Brigade to spread the magic this Christmas.

As part of our new Basket Buddies appeal, we've launched an exciting new set of activities aimed to inspire young people to care for others and encourage them to make a positive difference to the lives of other members of their community.

If you have any questions about this pack, and how you and your kindergarten or school can get involved in any or many of these activities, please contact the Sydney Basket Brigade Committee at sydneybasketbrigade@magicmoments.org.au

We hope you and the young people at your school will find these activities enjoyable and inspiring.

With best wishes

The Sydney Basket Brigade Committee

Sydney Basket Brigade

Since 1995, throughout the Christmas season, the Basket Brigades of the Magic Moments Foundation have worked with grassroot organisations to anonymously deliver food, clothing, toys and hope to those who need it most. The Sydney Basket Brigade is part of a national charity run through the Magic Moments Foundation of Australia and is a non-profit organisation run totally by volunteers.

Basket Brigades exist all around the world and we are proud to say that all of the funds raised by the Sydney Basket Brigade are returned to the community. We are also a non-religious, non-political organisation, bringing together like-minded people who want to make a difference to others' lives.

The Sydney Basket Brigade is all about giving back at Christmas. It's about volunteers helping those who have fallen on hard times or those who might need to be reminded that someone cares. It's about making sure that Christmas is full of love for everyone.

The Committee deliberately seeks out recipients who might otherwise fall through the cracks and not seek charity - children, the elderly, the hungry and the homeless.



Magic Moments Foundation

The Magic Moments Foundation is a non-profit organisation formed to create a community of caring volunteers who are committed to consistently reaching and assisting people who are often forgotten by society. We are also focused on supporting people to grow their own skills, in particular the youth in our communities, to become contributing members of their own communities.

The Magic Moments Foundation turns hope into reality. Our mission is to arm people with the knowledge, skills and support to enable them to become the person they need to be and to have the life they dream of having.

As a registered Australian Charity with DGR status we do adhere to all the legal requirements as set down under Australian Law.

For more information, visit www.magicmoments.org.au
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How your school can get involved?



Basket Buddies

Can you encourage the families at your kindergarten or school to transform themselves into Basket Buddies?

Our new program encourages families to add one or two extra items to their grocery shop each week until the end of November, when they will have put away enough goodies to fill a basket for a family in need. This activity encourages students and parents to work as a team to decorate their box, make their card, and collect all of the items. This is a great activity for classes and sport teams to work on together too, - each child could be responsible for collecting a different item.



Christmas Crafts Buddies

Can your students use their crafty talents to help with our art activity?

We've hundreds of boxes that we need to decorate and make look as festive and as special as we possibly can. To do this, we're looking for a team of arty helpers to draw, colour, sew, paste, bead and paint pictures that we can stick on our boxes. The care and thought put into your pictures will help us to make our baskets look and feel extra special.



Christmas Card Buddies

Are you able to organise a fundraising activity?

In each of our baskets we place a Christmas card that has been handwritten and coloured in with love, care and attention. Students can colour in our blank templated Christmas card (which we can drop off at your kindergarten or school) or design their own. We ask that each card is handed back to us with a gold coin donation. By joining in our Christmas Card activity, your kindergarten or school will be providing vital funds for the goodies that go into our baskets enabling us to make sure that Christmas is full of hope and love for as many people as possible.



Donation Station Hosts

Could you set up a food or gift donation station in your kindergarten school?

Donation stations are the backbone of the Sydney Basket Brigade and one of the main ways that we collect food and gifts. Perhaps you could celebrate this magical time of the year and help us gather goodies by having an own clothes day and asking your students to make a donation in return.

Resources



Includes, templates for colouring, more information on the Christmas Card fundraiser and our Basket Buddies flyer!

BASKET BUDDIES

Can you add one extra item to your grocery shop each week to help a family in need this Christmas?

What's involved?

1. Add one or two extra items to your grocery shop each week to collect enough goodies to fill a basket for a family in need.
2. Add an unwrapped present for a child of any age.
3. Find or make a card and add our special Christmas message in neat handwriting.
4. Drop off your goodies at your nearest collection point in December.

Dates and locations will be announced at the beginning of November.

How can you join in?

Register [HERE](#)

Sydney Basket Brigade



1
PEANUT BUTTER



2
TINNED PEAS



3
LOLLIES / CHOCOLATES



4
TINNED POTATOES



5
MIXED NUTS



6
STUFFING MIX



7
GRAVY MIX



8
LONG LIFE CUSTARD



9
PACKET OF PASTA



10
PACKET OF RICE



11
JUICE / CORDIAL



12
TINNED FRUIT



13
HOT CHOCOLATE



14
TINNED HAM



15
PASTA SAUCE



16
PLUM PUDDING



17
JELLY CRYSTALS



18
LONG LIFE MILK



19
MINCE PIES



20
SHORTBREAD / BISCUITS



21
TEA / COFFEE

“Changing lives
one basket at
a time”



This Magic Moments Foundation Program works with grassroot organisations to anonymously deliver food, toys and hope to those who need it most.

Thank you for helping to spread the magic this Christmas.

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BASKET BUDDIES FAQ'S



Sydney Basket Brigade

Do I need to find a box or basket for my items?

Yes please! Ideally we'd like you to find a box with a lid, but a basket would work well too. If you have any difficulties finding one, just let us know and we'll track one down for you.



Can I decorate my box or basket?

Absolutely! We'd love you to make your box look as festive as you can, whether this is by using gift wrap, arts and crafts or stickers. Don't worry if you're unable to decorate your box though – we're teaming up with some of our local kindergartens and schools who are going to provide us with some pictures that we can stick on our boxes too.

Should I seal my box after I have collected all my items?

No, please don't seal your box just in case any extra items are donated that we can add to your basket on Packing Day.

What should I keep in mind when purchasing my items?

Please make sure that the expiry date is minimum February 2018, and that you avoid dented or rusty cans.



Can I substitute items on the shopping list?

We'd really like you to try and find all the goodies on our shopping list for your basket, but if you're unable to find an item and need to substitute it for another one then please do.

Can I add other items to my basket too?

Of course you can! Any extra food, personal products, confectionary, gifts and Christmas decorations are always very gratefully received too.

Do I need to include a Christmas card, and can I make my own?

Yes please! We aim to include a Christmas card in each of our baskets. You can either design your own, find your own, or print and decorate the Christmas card we've attached to this email. Please note that cards must not be in an envelope and must not be religious. We ask that your card only includes the following message inside:

This comes from someone who cares about you. All we ask is that you take care of yourself well enough to be able to do this for someone else some day.

Do I need to add a gift to my basket and if so, should I wrap it up?

We would love you to include an unwrapped gift in your basket if you can – however big or small, and for any age.

What shall I do with my basket once I have collected all of my items?

Drop off your goodies at your nearest collection point. Keep an eye out for our emails with the dates and locations of the collection points which will be announced at the beginning of November. All baskets will be delivered to nominated recipients on Packing Day. If you can't get to a collection point, send us an email and we'll try to sort something out.

When is Packing Day and how can I register?

Packing Day is on Saturday, 16 December 2017. Registration will open in early November and we will ensure that our Basket Buddies are the first to know.

Do you need any other volunteers?

Yes. If you have some spare time and wish to get involved behind the scenes we'd love to hear from you!



If you have any further questions, please reach out to us at
sydneybasketbrigade@magicmoments.org.au

THE BASKET BRIGADE CHRISTMAS CARD

Help us spread a bit of magic this Christmas with 3 easy steps:

1. Make a gold coin donation and receive a blank card for your child to colour



2. Add our message in neat handwriting:

This comes from someone who cares about you. All we ask is that you take care of yourself well enough to be able to do this for someone else some day.

3. Hand the card back to us. We'll then place it in one of our baskets.

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