



MEDIA RELEASE

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\$5000 donated to the Mainly Music program: Kleenheat supports the Salvation Army's new family music program.

Kleenheat Gas continues its ongoing partnership with the Salvation Army, as the company presents a \$5,000 cheque to The Salvation Army's Mainly Music program in Mount Gambier on Tuesday 4 May.

The donation will be used to buy musical instruments as well as provide training and development for facilitators of a new family program run by The Salvation Army.

The Mainly Music program offers music lessons to disadvantaged families which encourages a parent and child bond through learning together. The lesson also provides a meeting ground for parents to network with others in similar situations as themselves.

The program aims to improve a child's social and motor skills, highlight the value of parenting and teach the importance of love, acceptance and care through structured group music lessons.

With many families in regional areas lacking parental help and support, The Salvation Army Mainly Music director Christine Black said the program was a great way to get children and parents together and meeting others in their area.

"Regional areas can be very emotionally isolating which can often leave parents feeling helpless. The Mainly Music program will help encourage quality family time whilst teaching children the joy of music and new skills," she said.

Kleenheat Gas Territory Manager Mark Cottier said the program was a fun way to encourage family time and a great opportunity for kids to learn a musical instrument at the same time.

Mark Cottier said: "It's so important to highlight the value of being a parent and being part of family. Getting parents together with children to learn music is a fun way to teach the importance of spending time together."

The donation handover to the Salvation Army will take place on Tuesday 4 May at Mount Gambier Salvation Army, Corner Gray & Wyatt Streets at 10 am, with a morning tea that will also celebrates Mother's Day.

This is the fifth time Kleenheat has joined forces with The Salvation Army to assist a community in need. The Regional Care Services program was established in 2009 with the purpose of supporting a different community in regional Australia each month by providing operational funding and donations.

In 2009, Kleenheat Gas launched the partnership with volunteers from Kleenheat Gas assisting with the construction of permaculture gardens in the Kinglake Village, which houses approximately 50 residents whose homes were destroyed in the February 2009 bushfires.

MOUNT GAMBIER CHEQUE PRESENTATION EVENT DETAILS:

Tuesday 4 May

10 am

Mount Gambier Salvation Army

Corner Gray & Wyatt Streets