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Maroondah Community Assist 2018 Winter Food Drive

Dear Maroondah Community

This winter Maroondah Community Assist (MCA) is collecting donations of non-perishable food items to help those in need across Maroondah.

MCA helps Maroondah residents through a range of services - advocacy and referral assistance, budget and tax assistance, community information and emergency relief, including food parcels and bill assistance.

We are asking local schools, kindergartens, sporting clubs and community groups to support our Winter Food Drive. In 2016 MCA held a food drive resulting in donations of more than 10,000 pantry items, an extraordinary effort that we're hoping to exceed this year.

By donating pantry items, more emergency relief funding goes to helping families and individuals facing disconnection of utilities or who cannot afford to fill medication scripts. No one should have to choose between food, medication and heating this winter.

Ways you can help:

- Actively promote the Winter Food Drive to your students/members
- Become a collection point for donations (*collection boxes can be provided*)
- Drop off your donations at one of the designated collection points by the end of June (*If you cannot drop off your donation we can collect it for you*)
- Volunteer to collect/drop off food donations throughout June.

Attached is a flier for you to use to promote this very important campaign.

If you would like to get involved, request a collection box or book a collection date (from 1-21 June) please email my assistant Dee Halls at dee@bramleighestate.com.au. If you would like to discuss anything further please call me directly on **0419 326 000**.

The level of homelessness and families going hungry in Maroondah is heartbreaking. Together we can make a difference to the lives of people in our local community.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely



Mary-Anne Lowe
MCA volunteer