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GFC shadow over Christmas

As the GFC cast a shadow over Christmas for many in our community, Anglicare Australia is using the [*Twelve Days of Christmas*](#) to point to the many ways that the Anglicare network around Australia supports people through the challenges they are facing.

“Economists seem to have the view that the GFC is over in Australia, but that’s not the reality on the ground for a lot of people in our community” Anglicare Australia’s Executive Director Kasy Chambers said today.

“This year has seen a whole lot of people seeking support from Anglicare for the first time as a direct result of the economic turmoil of the past year.”

“It is the connections on the ground that make a difference for people who are doing it tough. The 33,000 people who work and volunteer with Anglicare services right across Australia will make a real difference this Christmas, both with everyday care and with emergency support, like they do all year, every year.”

“The annual appeals our agencies run give the public a chance to help with this work. Events that mark the season this week include the launch of Anglicare Diocese of Sydney’s Toys and Tucker Campaign, Anglicare Victoria’s Christmas appeal, Anglicare Central Queensland’s Tin and Toy Drive, Anglicare SA’s Angel Day and many others.”

“Our [*Twelve Days of Christmas project*](#), tells a few of the many stories that reflect what is happening to real people across Australia” Ms Chambers said.

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