



# Linking Alms for Christmas & the Adopt-A-Family Christmas Appeal 2024

Did you know, the Linking Alms has been a collaborative community project for over 25 years, helping those experiencing hardship crisis and need at Christmas time!

We really do have a wonderful community!



## THE STORY OF LINKING ALMS



The Linking Alms for Christmas (LAC) Appeal was first implemented in 1998, due to an identified need amongst our community and to bring the spirit of Christmas cheer and giving to support those experiencing hardship and obstacles beyond their control. It became clear that a holistic and collaborative community approach was vital to address this situation...

Complimenting LAC is the Adopt-A-Family (AAF) program, which encourages clubs, businesses, individuals, families, schools and workplaces to support those families in crisis each Christmas...

By selflessly choosing to adopt a family from the selected list of participants published in our local EMERALD TODAY newspaper, you are helping families facing complex and serious financial circumstances or social dislocation, that is often no fault of their own...

Donations of goods and gifts received, go towards making food hampers and gift bag goodies for all recipients. Both Christmas programs are put together and coordinated by our Emerald Neighbourhood (ENC) Employees and LAC volunteer Santa Helpers!



## THANK YOU!

Your generous donations of gifts, vouchers, pantry items, financial sponsorships and assistance to support those in need, and working together as a community, ensures the success of LAC and AAF continuing to help everyone experience a little bit of Christmas.



Scan the QR Code  
to make your  
donation today!



All gift donations can be delivered to ENC or Contact the LAC Team on:

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## Food and gift items suitable for our Hampers:

Long life milk  
Long-life Custard or Cream  
Bottled Soft drink  
Cordial or poppers  
Fruit Juice  
Coffee, Tea & Sugar  
Tinned tomatoes  
Jelly  
Tinned fruit  
Rice and Pasta packet meals  
**Tinned meat** - Ham/Turkey /  
Tuna / Salmon  
Pancake mix  
Microwave popcorn  
Pasta & Pasta Sauce  
**Tinned Vegetables**-peas,  
Carrots, Beetroot & Corn  
Two Minute Noodles

Packet Soup  
Jars of condiment  
favourites: Vegemite,  
peanut butter, honey / jam  
Chips & Lollies  
Biscuits- Sweet & Savoury,  
Crackers / Rice Cakes  
Shortbread Cereal -  
all brands and flavours  
Ice blocks e.g.:  
Quelch,  
Zooperdoooper  
**Toiletries** – Toothpaste,  
toothbrushes, soap or  
bodywash, shampoo &  
conditioner Toilet  
paper **VOUCHERS-**

**Food:** Coles, Woolworths,  
Meat eg: \$30, \$50 for a  
family **Gift Vouchers:**  
Fuel Cards, BIG W, Emerald  
Cinema, Pool Entry Passes  
Extra festive items: e.g.  
box of chocolates/sweets/  
mince pies / plum pudding  
Christmas Cake  
Tinsel / Bon-Bons  
Candy Canes  
**HAMPER PACKAGING:**  
Durable extra-large plastic  
laundry basket

### Present Suggestions:

#### Newborn – 5 years Gift Card /Vouchers:

- Big W
- Swim Lessons

#### **Gift ideas:**

Building blocks  
Push along cars/trucks  
Learning books Musical  
instruments *age*  
*appropriate* Playmats  
Hats for infant or toddlers  
Water toys  
Reading Books  
Back packs/ Hats Paints  
& Brushes  
Colouring in books/pencils  
Dolls / Trucks/cars  
Duplo Blocks / Lego  
(*age appropriate*)  
Outdoor play equipment

#### 6 - 10 years

##### **Gift cards/ Vouchers etc -**

- Big W
- Swim Lessons
- Pool Entry Pass
- iTunes/Apple
- Movie Tickets

Board Games / Puzzles  
Bike/Scooter / Skateboard  
Outdoor Play equipment

##### **Gift ideas:**

Lego packs  
Art & Craft supplies / Sketch  
Pads / Paints & Brushes  
Sporting Equipment:  
(*Football, netball, soccer ball,*  
*badminton sets etc*)  
Backpack and Lunchboxes  
for school Hair accessories  
Beach Towel /Hat

#### 11-15 years Gift cards/ Vouchers

from \$20 onwards

- Big W
  - Pool Entry Pass
  - Cotton On/Jay Jays
  - iTunes/Apple
  - Movie Tickets
  - Local Sporting Store
- Hair accessories  
Bike / Scooter / Skateboard  
Bag for School  
Beach Towel

#### 16 - 19 years

##### **Gift cards /Vouchers etc -**

- Big W
- Pool Entry Pass
- Cotton On/Jay Jays
- Jeans West
- iTunes/Apple
- Movie Tickets
- Driving Lessons
- Local Sporting Store