Chief Minister Announces Christmas Grants

Chief Minister, Paul Henderson, said the Northern Territory Government would help to spread a bit of Christmas cheer announcing $175,000 in grants for welfare organisations.

Mr Henderson said seven welfare organisations – Mission Australia, Somerville Community Services, Red Cross, Anglicare, Catholiccare NT, St Vincent de Paul and the Salvation Army – would each receive an extra $25,000.

“Christmas is a time of giving and the Northern Territory Government is doing its bit to ensure those less fortunate enjoy Christmas this year,” Mr Henderson said.

“Organisations such as these do a fantastic job making sure the festive cheer is spread right across our community.

“No Territory child should miss out and these grants will be used to buy toys, clothing and food for hampers for families who might be doing it a little bit tough this year.

“Although the Territory has enjoyed record unemployment and strong economic growth this year, welfare agencies are reporting that the flow on effects of the global financial crisis are still being felt here.”
“This is the third year my Government has provided these one-off grants to welfare organisations.

“I also encourage all Territorians if they can, to dig deep and give generously to welfare agencies this Christmas.”

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