Media Release

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Minister for Business

Delivering food to the bank

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The distribution of food to Territorians in need just became a whole lot easier, today the Northern Territory Government donated a vehicle to Foodbank NT, the largest hunger relief organisation in the Territory.

“Over 200,000 meals are provided each year by Foodbank NT and the Giles Government wants to support the network of organisations who assist in providing nutritional meals to Territorians in need,” said Minister for Business Peter Styles.

“The Giles Government is committed to reducing the cost of living for Territorians and the van will aid volunteers in the delivery of goods to organisations who assist Territorians struggling to make ends meet.

“As a Minister and as a father, it is important to know organisations like Foodbank NT are supported and the van donated by the Giles Government today will aid in helping Foodbank NT support further organisations across the Territory.

Throughout Australia, food producers and retailers find themselves with food which cannot be sold for various reasons. Foodbank NT collects this surplus stock and distributes it to welfare agencies who are providing food relief to thousands of people struggling to access nutritional and affordable food.

Peter Fisher, CEO of Foodbank NT said traders such as TH Northern Territory, IGA Australia, Asian United Food Services, Wyuna Cold stores and many more regularly donate goods and the van will allow Foodbank NT to pick up and drop off the donations.

“Hunger will never go away and neither will the work of Foodbank NT. We deliver to local schools on our school breakfast program and pick up produce and drop it to food outlets such as Food For Life in Casuarina,” said Mr Fisher.

“Organisations come to us with items that have been labelled wrong or packaging may be damaged, but the goods are perfectly consumable and we are able to offer it to people who are really in need.

“The vehicle will be a great resource for Foodbank NT, I am really pleased to be working with Minister Styles and the Northern Territory Government who have donated this valuable resource.”.
For more information on the Foodbank NT services visit http://www.foodbanknt.org.au/ or phone 08 8947 3669

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