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***Put Colony 47 under your tree this Christmas.***

Every year many Tasmanians suffer loneliness and isolation at Christmas, others find themselves seeking unexpected support for the first time due to drastically changed circumstances.

Unfortunately some families just cannot provide their children with all the fun, food, festivities and presents that most of us take for granted on Christmas Day.

Preparations are underway to package up the hampers, prepare the Christmas feast and wrap the gifts for over 300 individuals and families who join us on Christmas Day.

This year Colony 47's Big Christmas Lunch is again reaching out beyond the Christmas day event to support regional communities doing it tough.

Last year Colony 47 partnered with Mayor Deirdre Flint, of the Central Highlands and local business man Chris Edwards to send Christmas hampers to the Central Highlands and Derwent Valley areas which suffered massive job cuts in the region.

Colony 47 is continuing to support families in this region as they are getting back on their feet.

We appreciate the support of the organisations, businesses and individuals; and donations of food and gifts for those who attend the lunch are still being accepted, as well as financial assistance to help ensure no one misses out

Please join in the true spirit of giving and belonging at Christmas by donating:

- Boxes of fruit, such as bananas, grapes, strawberries;
- Cans of soft drink;
- Turkeys;
- Biscuits, puddings and Christmas cakes;
- Christmas puddings; and
- Gifts for mid-teens to adults.

If you would like to donate a turkey, a Christmas cake or a gift for ages 16 and up please call Anne on 0419 341 379 or just drop it off at 432 Elizabeth Street, North Hobart. Be a part of the Colony 47 Big Christmas Lunch and help make Christmas wishes come true.

For more information contact Therese Taylor, CEO Colony 47 on, 0419 302 777.

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*Colony 47 is a Tasmanian based not for profit organisation that provides services that reduce homelessness, increase access to housing, support people with mental health issues, assist individuals in employment, training and education and strengthen and support families.*

*Colony 47 have been quietly working for disadvantaged Tasmanians since 1973. It's a demanding job and the need for our services is ever growing. That's why we need your help.*