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Hobart Turkey Crisis

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.

This year Colony 47's renowned Big Christmas Lunch, which provides meals and gifts to over 300 people, is reaching out beyond the Christmas day event to support regional communities doing it tough.

Preparations are underway to package up Colony 47's *Happy Little Hampers* to go out to people in regional areas that can't get to the Big Christmas lunch at the Hellenic Hall.

"This year has been particularly tough as the need for our service grows", said Therese Taylor, Colony 47 CEO.

One week out, we are finding ourselves short on turkeys and also gifts for teenage boys and men who are harder to buy for so often miss out " she said.

Long-time supporter Marcus Vermey from Vermey's Quality Meats is assisting Colony 47 to address the turkey crisis. Vermey's is donating left over and uncollected meats on Christmas Eve to Colony 47.

Generous Tasmanians can also make a purchase at Vermey's to donate to Colony 47 and it will be sent with the Christmas Eve delivery to the Big Christmas Lunch.

In addition to turkey and much needed presents for men and teenage boys, other donations are also still warmly welcomed and greatly appreciated - no act of kindness is too small.

- Boxes of fruit, such as apples, grapes, strawberries;
- Drinks such as fruit juice, mineral water or soft drink;
- Biscuits, puddings and Christmas cakes and of course
- Turkeys

Marcus Vermey will be donating turkeys to Therese Taylor, CEO Colony 47 at 8:30am, Tuesday 17 December at his butcher shop, Vermey's Quality Meats, 180 Sandy Bay Road.

If you would like to donate please call Anne on 0419 341 379 or just drop it off at 432 Elizabeth Street, North Hobart.

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

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