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Dear Friend

Christmas will be here soon and for most it is a time of sharing, laughter and love, a time when families come together to celebrate and bond. However not all families in WA are fortunate enough to enjoy a safe and happy Christmas. For some, Christmas can be a harsh reminder of what they must do without.

For over 35 years Anglicare WA has provided Western Australian families confronted with difficult and complex issues the services and programs they need to survive. In the last year alone, Anglicare WA assisted almost 38,000 people in crises.

Your tax-deductable donation allows us to provide vital services to Western Australians in many areas, including:

- youth homelessness
- children affected by domestic violence
- child sexual abuse trauma
- families experiencing severe financial difficulties
- families dealing with suicide

Enclosed with this letter is the story of Megan and her two children. With your help, Anglicare WA can assist Western Australian families like Megan's this Christmas.

Together, we can bring families hope and opportunity during times when they are struggling.

Let us work towards a brighter tomorrow, today.

I wish you and your family a joyful Christmas.

Kind regards

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**ANGLICARE WA WORKS
ALONGSIDE ALMOST 38000
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
FAMILIES EVERY YEAR.**

Help families like Megan's this Christmas

Megan, a sole parent, had a part time job as a cleaner and worked hard to care and provide for her children. However there was very little money left over after food, childcare and rent were paid.

When a recent illness saw her hospitalised for two months; her sick leave depleted rapidly and she was forced to use the money she'd set aside for her household bills to pay the hospital costs.

Whilst her family had helped with caring for the children, they were not in the position to assist her financially when her household bills, including a larger than usual electricity bill, began to accumulate. With Christmas just around the corner, Megan didn't know how she would cope when the disconnection notice followed.

Her brother Greg had heard about Anglicare WA's services through a friend and he thought they might be able to help Megan too.

With Megan's permission Anglicare WA contacted Synergy to advocate on her behalf. As a result, Synergy's Credit Managers agreed to extend the power to the house until Megan was discharged from hospital.

Once Megan was home from hospital, she was able to attend an appointment with a Financial Counsellor at Anglicare WA, where she was found to be eligible for an Exceptional Circumstances HUGS Grant. The grant was used to pay the majority of the outstanding electricity bill and the counsellor helped Megan to negotiate a repayment scheme that fit with her budget to pay off the remainder.

Megan is now well, back at work and enjoying precious time with her children. Their budget is balanced, and Megan is saving additional money using the tips she acquired from Anglicare WA's Financial Counsellor. She is looking forward to a stress-free Christmas break spent with her children and extended family.

Without Anglicare WA's help Megan and her children would be experiencing a very different type of Christmas.