

**Yes, I will remember those who are alone this Christmas**

## Christmas Appeal 2020

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**Cheque:**  
Please make cheques payable to: **Baptist Care SA**

**Thank you for your gift.**  
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**Mail to:**  
Fundraising Team  
130 Rose Terrace, Wayville SA 5034  
  
[baptistcaresa.org.au](http://baptistcaresa.org.au)



**WestCare Centre**  
11 – 19 Millers Court Adelaide SA 5000  
T 08 8118 5200

**Open Monday to Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm**  
**Sunday 11.30am – 1.00pm**

**Inner Southern Youth Homelessness Service (ISYHS)**  
Unit 3 / 5-7 Stephen Street, Melrose Park SA 5039  
T 08 8177 4900

If assistance is required outside business hours, please contact the SA Homelessness Gateway on 1800 003 308.

## Who are we?

Baptist Care SA provides out of home care, disability care, youth education and employment, homelessness and therapeutic support services.

Established in 1913, Baptist care SA currently has over 1,000 dedicated staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to help South Australians achieve their full potential.

Baptist Care SA is committed to working with the State's most disadvantaged, championing local issues and connecting with people to provide transition pathways from adversity to opportunity.

Learn more about us at [www.baptistcaresa.org.au](http://www.baptistcaresa.org.au)



# Alone but not forgotten.

**This Christmas will look very different for many South Australians.**

COVID-19 has had a profound impact on every aspect of our lives. It has made things even more difficult for those already doing it tough, and now thousands of people who have never needed to ask for help before are struggling to feed themselves and their families.





**Demand for emergency relief at our Inner City site, including the Community Food Hub and WestCare Centre continues to climb. A staggering 700% increase since February.<sup>1</sup>**



Furthermore, 39% of hungry Australians have felt too embarrassed and ashamed to ask for help.<sup>2</sup>

*“I feel like I have failed my family. My work place went out of business during the shutdown and we all lost our jobs. JobSeeker helped keep us going for a while, but now that has been cut back, we just can’t make ends meet. We put off asking for help as long as possible because we feel so ashamed.”*

Angela<sup>3</sup>

When COVID-19 first hit in March the WestCare courtyard and dining room were forced to close and sadly remain shut. All meals are now served as takeaway.

Sharing a meal is often our clients’ only social contact. Being deprived of this is particularly tough if it’s the only opportunity you have each day to have a chat, but people are showing remarkable resilience. There is much camaraderie in the laneway queue each day.

**“Despite all the challenges, we have found ways to keep the doors open and enjoy a sense of community”.**

David, Baptist Care SA

**In 2019/20**



**19,581kg**  
free fruit & vegetables



**12,110**  
free loaves of bread



**34,327**  
meals served



**3,665**  
food parcels & vouchers distributed

**“Coming to WestCare is a big part of my day. I miss being able to sit down and have lunch. But now we all chat while we’re waiting in line and with the weather getting warmer, it’s not so bad.”**

Steve<sup>3</sup>, WestCare client



**With your support, no-one will feel forgotten this Christmas.**

We will provide gifts for over 350 children known to the WestCare Centre. Parents will be able to come into WestCare to select gifts for their children.

With so many South Australians experiencing real hunger for the first time, demand for emergency food relief is increasing substantially. Festive food parcels will allow families to share a Christmas meal together.

And for those with no home, we won’t just be giving them a takeaway meal, they will receive a home cooked Christmas lunch.

<b>\$40</b>	<b>Not just a gift for a child – dignity for a family</b>
<b>\$60</b>	<b>Not just a takeaway meal – a home cooked Christmas lunch</b>
<b>\$95</b>	<b>Not just a food parcel – sharing meals with loved ones</b>
<b>\$250</b>	<b>Not just specialist mental health support and healthcare – someone to trust</b>

**Baptist Care SA’s WestCare Centre is open six days a week and receives no government funding. It relies on the generosity of our donors to continue its vital services.**

1. 58 people in February to 552 in August  
2. Foodbank Hunger Report 2020  
3. Not their real names