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Christmas cheer for children in foster care

Children in foster care this holiday season will have one more present to open on Christmas morning.

Variety Queensland last week donated nearly 30 gifts to Churches of Christ Care's child protection program, Care Pathways.

South East and Brisbane West Fostering service manager Linda Smith said she was overwhelmed with the generous donation.

"These gifts are going to our kids in care and foster families, and will turn Christmas around for so many of the children in care," Ms Smith said

"Particularly those children that are coming into care this week; they may have just been separated from their families, and are spending Christmas in an unfamiliar environment.

"Many of our children have had very difficult childhoods and some have never really celebrated Christmas the way we generally think of it, so to have gifts to give them on Christmas morning is wonderful.

"Our carers are also extremely touched by this gesture and are very grateful.

"It is just so fantastic the community is opening their hearts to children in need, and we can't thank Variety Queensland enough for brightening the lives of our kids this Christmas."

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About Churches of Christ Care

Churches of Christ Care is a division of Churches of Christ in Queensland—a group of churches that is part of the worldwide Christian church.

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We strive to create an inclusive, caring, compassionate environment that meets its clients' needs without discrimination or prejudice. Everyone is welcome to call on our help regardless of their religious background.

Churches of Christ Care is one of Queensland's leading providers of early childhood, child protection, affordable housing, retirement living and aged care services. We are a not-for-profit organisation that supports more than 27,000 clients each year in urban, rural and remote areas.

We operate 137 services throughout Queensland with the support of more than 2,800 staff and over 700 volunteers.

Churches of Christ Care is built on a foundation of Christian values, commitment to quality care, and trust and respect for clients and the community.