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National Families Week is a time to recognise those most vulnerable

Churches of Christ Care Director is calling on Queenslanders to recognise those families and children most vulnerable during this year's National Families Week.

National Families Week this year will be held between 15-21 May, and is timed to coincide with the United Nations International Day of Families on 15 May.

"The aim of National Families Week is to highlight the important role that families play in society, and to encourage healthy active lifestyles and quality family time," Director David Swain said.

"This is something that directly corresponds with Churches of Christ Care's beliefs, and we whole-heartedly support this initiative.

"There are many people across Queensland who are disadvantaged, and who face numerous pressures in their daily life. Raising children and grandchildren, caring for family members, inadequate income, limited language and literacy skills, and coping with mental illness and disability can all become overwhelming tasks.

"But this year's National Families Week has a theme of "Sticking together: families in good and tough times.

"As a not-for-profit organisation, this is a notion we are very familiar with. Our organisation supports thousands of families in need across Queensland through our various early childhood, child protection, affordable housing, retirement village, community aged care and residential aged care services.

"We are extremely passionate about helping families get through those difficult times."

The Australian Government, through the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, funds National Families Week with Families Australia.

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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.

We strive to create an inclusive, caring, compassionate environment that meets our 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.