

YMCA Ballarat delivers some joy to those who need it most this Christmas



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What: YMCA Ballarat preparing to deliver 150 “Boxes of Joy” to children and young people in the Ballarat community who are experiencing disadvantage this Christmas.

Who: YMCA young person preparing the boxes for packing

Where: YMCA Ballarat Offices, Barkly Square 25 – 39 Barkly St, Ballarat

When: Tuesday 19th November 2019

With Christmas quickly approaching, Ballarat YMCA is getting ready to deliver 150 shoebox gifts through the organisation’s annual “Boxes of Joy Campaign”.

The gifts will be distributed through local agencies to children and young people in the community who are doing it tough this Christmas.

This year marks the fifth consecutive year of the campaign. Ballarat YMCA is seeking donations from local businesses, groups and individuals who would like to support the “Boxes of Joy” to bring happiness to others during the festive season. The boxes will be assembled by Ballarat YMCA staff and volunteers in early December.

YMCA has a focus on healthy living, so all boxes include an item for active play, such as a ball, skipping rope, Frisbee, bubbles or game to encourage physical activity and perhaps some important time for families to connect and play together.

“It’s been so exciting to see so many people getting behind the campaign in previous years and providing items that create a special gift for someone who needs some joy. We are so moved by the generosity of the Ballarat and wider community and greatly appreciate all donations,” said Stacey Oliver – Manager Community and Youth Engagement.

Items including books, games, balls, personal hygiene products, socks and other items suitable children and teenagers, with a particular focus on the 12 – 18 year old group, can be dropped off at the YMCA office in Barkly Square 25 – 39 Barkly St Ballarat from 20th November to the 5th December. For more information on YMCA programs and services please visit www.ballarat.ymca.org.au or phone (03) 4311 1500.

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