

Media Release

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SUPPORTING THE SALVOS' 2022 RED SHIELD APPEAL

The Andrew's Labor Government is building on Victoria's nation leading work to end family violence with a boost to the Salvation Army's 2022 Red Shield Appeal.

Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers Anthony Carbines today announced a \$150,000 contribution to help the Salvation Army provide accommodation, legal advice, financial relief, trauma counselling and employment support to women experiencing family violence.

This year donations to the Red Shield Appeal will provide support for those experiencing family violence. In 2021 alone, the Salvation Army assisted more than 5,800 women and children across Australia who were experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, family and domestic violence.

Victoria is leading the nation with its work to end family violence, with more than \$3.7 billion invested since the Royal Commission – more than every other state and territory combined, and more than the Commonwealth.

The Labor Government continues to support women experiencing family violence with a \$241 million investment in this year's budget.

This includes a \$69 million boost for the expansion of critical refuge and crisis accommodation for victim survivors who cannot safely remain at home.

The Orange Door network - a key recommendation of the landmark Royal Commission into Family Violence - has assisted more than 216,000 people across Victoria, including more than 87,000 children, since it was established in 2018.

For more information or to get involved in a Red Shield Appeal in your local area, visit the Salvation Army website.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers Anthony Carbines

"The Salvation Army makes an incredible contribution to communities right across our state and we are proud to support this year's Red Shield Appeal."

"We're encouraging Victorians to dig deep because every donation to this year's Red Shield Appeal will help to provide crucial support to some of the most vulnerable Victorians when they need it most."

Quote attributable to Acting Minister for Prevention of Family Violence Ros Spence

"We're getting on with delivering nation leading investments and reform to ensure all Victorians have the support they need to live free from violence."