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Council staff's generous gift

In October this year, Shoalhaven City Council staff held a fundraising day for a local charity.

In its third year the fundraiser only required staff to dress casually and donate a food item to those in need.

It didn't take long for the items to start flooding in and in no time there was $7600.00 worth of food to proudly deliver to this year's charity of choice, All Saints Community Care in Nowra.

The fundraiser is the brainchild of Strategic Planner, Marie-Louise Foley and works well because it's a fun day for staff and one that requires little fuss and organization.

To ask someone to donate some non-perishables from their pantry is an easy thing to do, and most staff members brought more than one item to add to the collection.

So by the end of the day there was a mountain of tins of meat and vegetables, pasta, condiments and many other food items that will bring joy to needy families especially at what can be a stressful time of year.

Lyn Miles, coordinator of All Saints Community Care was overwhelmed by the generosity of the council staff saying in a recent thank you letter that she was "sure that is a record amount for any single food donation we've received." Lyn also said it was "great encouragement to the team that you see the work we do as important and are willing to participate in it with us.'

General Manager of Shoalhaven City Council Russ Pigg encourages this kind of team work and community awareness within the organization. He said "I'm really pleased when I see staff coming up with these great initiatives and it reminds me of what a caring and community minded group of people we have working at Council.