

WAYS TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

DURING AND AFTER A SEVERE WEATHER EVENT

Severe weather events like cyclones and floods can be devastating for everyone, but for people experiencing homelessness, the risks can be even more significant. They are among the most vulnerable in our communities, without a safe place to shelter, access to emergency alerts, or a way to evacuate easily.

After the immediate danger has passed, many face even bigger challenges, such as finding food, dry clothing and safe accommodation while trying to rebuild their lives. If you're wondering how to help, here are some practical ways to support those affected.

Donate to Support Disaster Relief

In times of disaster, access to essentials becomes critical. While donating physical items can be helpful, financial donations allow relief organisations to provide exactly what's needed, when and where it's needed most.

If you're able to help, consider donating to:

💙 [Lifeline](#) – Providing crisis support and mental health assistance.

❤️ [Australian Red Cross](#) – Delivering emergency aid and recovery support.

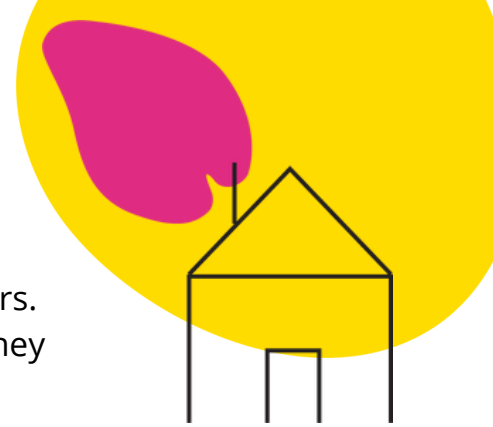
👉 [The Salvation Army Australia](#) – Offering food, shelter and community relief.

👤 [GivIt](#) – Matching people with items that they need.

Donations to [Momentum Collective](#) are also welcome. Donations to the Momentum fund are allocated according to need and go straight to the individuals in need as our administration and operational costs are already provided by the government.

Donations can be made by visiting <https://mymomentum.org.au/donate/>. Your generosity, no matter the amount, empowers the Specialist Homelessness Services to assist individuals and families in securing safe and suitable homes.





Support Emergency Shelters and Outreach Services

Emergency shelters often operate at full capacity during disasters. Many also provide meals, medical care and crisis support, but they rely on donations and volunteers. You can help by:

- ◆ Volunteering at shelters or food distribution centres.
- ◆ Donating funds to organisations assisting people experiencing homelessness.
- ◆ Helping spread awareness about available services.

Momentum Collective, along with other services such as Rosies, Resilient Lismore and Vinnies, just to name a few, provide emergency shelter and/or outreach services to individuals experiencing homelessness.

Advocate for Long-Term Solutions

Disasters often highlight the urgent need for long-term solutions to homelessness. You can:

- 🗣️ Support policies that increase access to affordable housing.
- 🗣️ Advocate for better emergency response plans that consider the needs of people without stable housing.
- 🗣️ Encourage businesses and local organisations to collaborate on long-term relief efforts.

A crisis shouldn't be the only time we think about homelessness, let's work towards permanent solutions.

Check in on Vulnerable Community Members

Recovery doesn't happen overnight. Even after the floodwaters recede, many people will still struggle to find stability. Keep checking in on local support groups, shelters and those in need to see how you can continue to help.

Severe weather events can be overwhelming, but they bring out the best in communities. By working together, we can ensure that no one is left behind.

For more information on Momentum Collective's Specialist Homelessness Service, visit <https://mymomentum.org.au/programs/specialist-homelessness-service/> or call 1300 900 091.

