Many Hands, Big Impact

GUIDE TO GIVING roundabout CANBERRA





WHY GIVING MATTERS



Together, we can make a difference.

At Roundabout Canberra, our mission is to ensure that every child has the essential items they need to thrive, and that every family feels supported, particularly during times of crisis or hardship. We collect, sort, and redistribute high-quality baby and children's items to families in need through our network of community service organisations across the Canberra region.

This work is only possible thanks to the generosity of our community and that's where you come in.

We're inviting you to join our mission because we believe in the power of young people to drive meaningful change. By bringing conversations about generosity, community, and social responsibility into your group, you are helping to create a future where all children and families feel supported, included, and valued. Engaging your group in conversations about giving helps them understand the challenges others face and recognise the power of small actions. These experiences build confidence and show them that everyone, no matter their age, can make a meaningful impact.

This guide is created for group leaders to support you in bringing these important conversations into your group. By integrating generosity and community support into activities, we can inspire the next generation to be kind, thoughtful, and proactive in creating a better world.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we can build a more caring and supportive community, one thoughtful conversation at a time.

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A bit about

ROUNDABOUT CANBERRA

Roundabout Canberra was founded in 2018 as a way to donate second-hand baby, parenting and children's goods to families in need. Since then, we have supported over 10.000 local children.



Our Values

Community



SMALL BUT MIGHTY, WITH COMMUNITY STANDING BY OUR SIDE.



In 2023, our volunteers worked over 9000 hours.

In 2024 we helped:

4640 children and their families with vital essentials

3956 clothing packs

980 school packs





Get the ideas flowing

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WARM-UP DISCUSSION



Ages 5-11

Why is it important for everyone to have clothes and school supplies?

How would you feel if you didn't have what you needed for school?

What are some ways we can help other children feel included?



Ages 12+

What is dignity? Why is dignity important when helping others?
How does inequality affect children in our community?
What role does sustainability play in helping families and protecting the environment?



Get the ideas flowing

ACTIVITIES



Activity 1: What Makes a Volunteer? (5-10 minutes)

Objective: Help children understand the concept of being a volunteer in our community and why people might want to volunteer.

- Discussion about what a volunteer is.
- Prompt: Are there any volunteers in the room? Can they think of any other volunteers (blood donors etc)?
- Why are volunteers important?
- Did you know how many volunteers it takes to run Roundabout Canberra?

Activity 2: What Do You Need for School? (15 minutes)

Objective: Encourage children to think about daily essentials, what it would mean to go without, and how Roundabout Canberra supports children.

- Group brainstorm: "What items do you need for school?"
- Discuss how some families might not be able to afford these items.
- Write down all the items we need
- Optional: Show a short video of Sara at Roundabout making school bags.

Activity 3: The Giving Game — What Can I Donate? (20 minutes)

Objective: Teach kids how to choose appropriate items for donations.

- Show examples of clean and damaged clothes/toys (ask us for samples).
- Kids guess which items are acceptable for donation.
- Discuss the importance of dignity in donations. Why is dignity important to us?
- Make it fun and add a who can sort the pile the fastest, each student gets a bag or clothing, they must sort the yes from the no (ask us for bags).

A Real Story

CASE STUDY



Lance's Story



Lance was five years old when his life suddenly changed. He could no longer live with his mum and stepdad, so his grandfather offered to care for him. But there was a challenge—Lance arrived at his grandfather's home with nothing but the clothes he was wearing.



His grandfather wanted to help, but he didn't have the things Lance needed, like clothes, a bed, or school supplies. That's when Roundabout Canberra stepped in.

With the support of people like you, we were able to give Lance: Clothes to keep him warm A bed and bedding so he could sleep comfortably School supplies so he was ready to learn Books and toys to help him feel at home

These weren't just things—they helped Lance feel safe, cared for, and ready for his new beginning. And they helped his grandfather feel supported, knowing he wasn't alone.

Let's Think About It Activity: (15 minutes)

- How do you think Lance felt when he arrived at his grandfather's house?
- How do you think his grandfather felt when he wanted to help but didn't have what Lance needed?
- How do you think these donated items made a difference for both of them?
- What are some ways we can help children like Lance in our community?

Setting up for donations LET'S DRIVE





Time to run a donation drive with your group.

A donation drive is a fun and practical way for your group to make a real difference.

Pick a theme

Choose what you want to collect, clothing, books, toys, nappies, linen. We'll help you work out what's most needed at the time of your drive.

Plan your campaign

Choose your collection dates, location (e.g., community hall), and how you'll get the word out. Do you have a newsletter, want to put up some posters or make some flyers. Consider how you will deliver your items to Roundabout Canberra.

Start Collecting

Gather the donations, get everyone involved. You could print out the what we accept list and hand it around.

Lead by example

Start the drive by cleaning out what you can give at home, this will motivate others to follow suit.

Sort donations

You can choose to sort your donations with your group. Sort into size groups for clothing, or have boxes for each category. This is a great opportunity to check the quality of the donations referring back to dignity. Can we pass this on?

Deliver and celebrate

Drop off your items to Roundabout, and we'll celebrate with you You can also request a guest speaker as part of your drive.

Say thanks

Dont forget to share a photo or little update on how the items were received, its always nice for those who donated to know the items were delivered and we thank those who took part.



Ready for donations

WHAT WE ACCEPT



Here are some of items we can accept suitable for collections:

- Clothing & Shoes: Size 00000 to 16 years.
- Hats. Bennies. Socks & Undies
- Baby Food: must have at least 3 months until expiry date
- Feeding products: Kids plates, bowls, cutlery, sippy cups & drink bottles
- Nappies: Disposable (open packs are fine).
- Toiletries: unopened/unused
- Towels
- Activity Mats
- Books: In great used condition to suit 0 16 years
- Bouncers or rockers
- Toys, board games & puzzles
- Sporting equipment & Balls
- School items: lunch boxes, drink bottles (new or as-new) and backpacks for children aged 4-16.
- Stationery: We accept pencils, pens, textas (please check they work still, or new packs!), activity books, glue sticks (good condition), rulers, scissors, pencil cases, paper/craft supplies, exercise books/scrapbooks
- Pillows: We accept new unopened single bed pillows.
- Doonas & Quilts & Blankets, as well as covers
- Sheets for bassinets, cots & Single beds



Everything you need

RESOURSE'S



For more information or to get into contact please:

Website Link: www.roundaboutcanberra.org

Check out our YouTube channel:

Here you will find lots of video to help show the work we do. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnF66hQGv3VwAlfcyRrElfQ

Email us at: Fundraising@roundboutcanberra.org

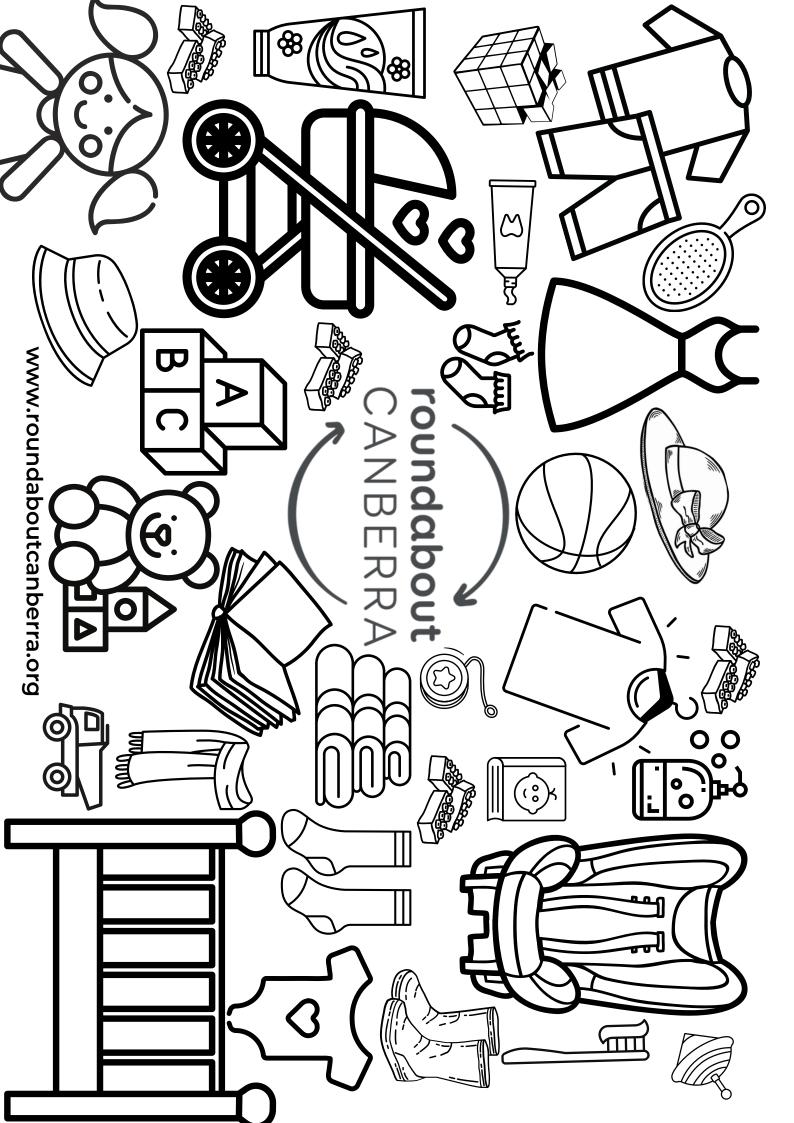


Roundabout Canberra

Club name:

CHALLENGE

add ite	ne items we accept page, see how many different things you can donate, ms and tick them off as you go . nave larger items to donate such as cots, prams, car seats, please conatct
	about Canberra directly: info@roundaboutcanberra.org.
	Clothing



ROUNDABOUT PLANNER

Ideas and notes

I'm doing:

Where: _____

When: ___

Eundraising Goal

\$ _____

Ways to Help:

Items I have to give:



CHANGE MAKER CERTIFICATE

In grateful recognition, this certificate is presented to

whose generous support has helped Roundabout Canberra continue to provide essential items to families in need in our local community.

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Thank you

from everyone at Roundabout Canberra!

Contact us at: Fundraising@roundaboutcanberra.org

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