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Help to spread season's cheer

Federal Chisholm MP Anna Burke is calling on local residents to follow Santa's lead this festive season and help out those less fortunate.

Ms Burke is encouraging people to drop off presents for needy local children at her Syndal electorate office up until Thursday December 9.

Ms Burke will deliver the donated presents to Dixon House in Clayton – a centre run by Anglicare Victoria to support children, young people and families – for distribution amongst local families.

Presents can also be dropped off directly at Dixon House, 2 Dixon Street Clayton, between Monday December 6 and Friday December 10.

Ms Burke said many local families were at risk of 'going without' presents this Christmas.

"There are literally thousands of children in the electorate of Chisholm that live in jobless families," Ms Burke said.

"Many parents or care-givers simply may not have enough money left over after buying their necessities to be able to afford to buy presents for their children," she said.

"Knowing that you are helping make a needy child happy will make your own festive celebrations even more special," she said.

Ms Burke said as a result of recent economic uncertainty, Dixon House is also encouraging donations of food because they do have a significant number of single people accessing their services.

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