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THE STAR SUPPORTS QUEENSLAND'S CARE ARMY DURING COVID-19

Its doors might be temporarily shut due to COVID-19, but The Star Entertainment Group is opening its heart to the thousands of volunteers who are enlisting in Queensland's Care Army.

Not-For-Profit entity Volunteering Queensland – which helped coordinate the 2011 Brisbane Floods “Mud Army” and which is now assisting the COVID-19 “Care Army” – has this week received a \$33,500 donation from The Star.

The donation, part of Treasury Brisbane's annual community charity donations, will help Queensland volunteers who are supporting elderly and socially-isolated senior citizens during the global pandemic.

The Care Army is a Queensland Government initiative with more than 25,000 registered volunteers.

Treasury Brisbane's donation will fund improved phone, IT and digital infrastructure for Volunteering Queensland to use in registrations and referrals, helping it deliver a positive, seamless and satisfying experience to Care Army recipients and volunteers.

The donation will also enable Volunteering Queensland to collect and share inspiring stories from across the state and produce information kits that will equip volunteers with instructions on best and safe practice.

“This donation from Treasury Brisbane will ensure Care Army's team of volunteers can deliver a range of much needed services to Queenslanders in need quickly and efficiently,” said Volunteering Queensland CEO Mara Basanovic.

“Volunteering Queensland is extremely appreciative of Treasury Brisbane's contribution, which will assist us through the current COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.”

Treasury Brisbane Chief Operating Officer, Kelvin Dodt said the organisation was proud to support Queenslanders helping one another through these uncertain and difficult times.

“We're pleased that we can support Volunteering Queensland and all of the individuals and groups who are working hard to ensure some of our community's most vulnerable people are being cared for,” Mr Dodt said.

“Many of our team members are active participants in community initiatives, and we look forward to helping the community again when Treasury Brisbane is able to re-open.”

The donation follows Treasury Brisbane's contribution of more than 350 kilograms of food and fresh produce to Foodbank Queensland and OzHarvest when government restrictions forced the property's closure in March.

Foodbank and OzHarvest help fight food scarcity and hunger by providing those most vulnerable in the community with meals and low-cost groceries.

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