Dear Valued Supporter,

WHILE most families celebrate and experience the love and joy of Christmas, many of the children that Lutheran Community Care support have not felt these emotions for some time.

Sadly for two young brothers, Sonny and Jake, Christmas was not full of happiness and love last year. With no safe place to live, they endured Christmas in an overcrowded car during a sweltering heatwave with their mother. There were no celebrations, no gifts and certainly no joy that other children their age experience at Christmas time.

Earlier this year, Sonny and Jake started at the school where Lutheran Community Care’s Family Zone Hub is situated in Ingle Farm. They did not arrive every morning, but when they did, they were exhausted and desperately hungry.

Our staff first met Sonny and Jake during Family Zone’s breakfast club one morning. This program provides breakfast for students at the school during the term, giving them the essential nutrients to grow and learn.

Gradually our staff began to build a connection with Sonny and Jake. As they became more comfortable, they opened up about their family’s dire situation. We learned that the boys had lived in a rundown hotel for a long time, then in a small car, but had now secured housing with their mother. They begged our staff to continue helping them and expressed a desire to attend school more regularly, but could not explain why they weren’t always present.

Eventually our staff were allowed to collect Sonny and Jake for school. They also washed the boys’ school uniforms and provided them with healthy food, new clothing and bedding for their house. Over time we met the boys’ mother, but we only saw her in the afternoons. Building a connection with her has been difficult, but now she is thankful for the support we have given her family.

This Christmas, Lutheran Community Care’s programs such as Christmas hampers and emergency relief will ensure Sonny and Jake continue to experience what every child should know, the love of Jesus. For the first time in a long time, they are so excited about Christmas and what gifts they will receive in their hamper boxes.

Lutheran Community Care will also support other families this Christmas through emergency accommodation, domestic violence support, financial and relationship counselling, and so much more. But we can’t do it alone. We desperately need your help as we work with families in crisis.

As we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, we are reminded of why Jesus was born into this world and the work he did with people in need. Every blessing to you and your family for the Christmas and holiday season ahead.

Rohan Feegrade
Chief Executive Officer
Lutheran Community Care

“WE WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT SONNY AND JAKE’S FAMILY. THEY WILL HAVE CHRISTMAS!”

– LCC Family Zone Staff Member
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In recognition and support of the valuable work and contribution LCC provides to the local community, LLL Australia is pleased to partner with LCC in their 50th anniversary year. Through this collaboration the LLL hopes to further assist the LCC in their mission and bring joy to those in need this Christmas and into the future.

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