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Police Credit Union throws its support behind NT's neglected children

Following a recent damning government inquiry into the Northern Territory's child protection system, Police Credit Union's Casuarina branch decided to do something to help, developing emergency care packs for neglected and abused children.

Police Credit Union Casuarina Branch Manager, Karen Vejera said that as one of the Territory's largest credit unions, giving something back to the community is always important, and this fundraising initiative is certainly a worthwhile cause.

"Police Credit Union encourages staff to give their time, talent and enthusiasm each year to community focused charitable support and am pleased that the child protection inquiry prompted the Casuarina branch into such swift action," Ms Vejera said.

The emergency care packs will contain pyjamas, a toothbrush and toothpaste, a teddy bear, colouring-in book and pencils, a face washer and a money box, and will be given to Family and Community Services in Darwin and Palmerston for neglected children placed in foster care.

"Abused and disadvantaged children in the Northern Territory deserve the same life essentials as others and through this raffle we're hoping to raise enough funds to deliver around 100 emergency packs containing these basic everyday items to those in need."

"Police Credit Union remains heavily committed to an extensive corporate social responsibility policy and encourages our members to get involved with initiatives driven through our Plant the Seed Foundation."

"The Plant the Seed Foundation aims to achieve sustainable social and economic development and foster community focus, social responsibility and mutual interest."

"Police Credit Union is committed to helping it's members make sound lifestyle decisions through their financial decisions and will continue to introduce more community focused charitable support through local branch initiatives such as Casuarina's example."

The fundraising raffle, being conducted by Police Credit Union Casuarina branch, will run up until 20 December. You can purchase a raffle ticket from Police Credit Union, Shop 3-4 Casuarina Square, Casuarina, Northern Territory. For more details visit www.policecu.com.au

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