



THIS CHRISTMAS,
WOMEN'S SPACE INVITES YOU TO...
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To our supporters, community and friends,

For many, Christmas is a time of joy, giving and family, but the women we support, it can also be a time of despair, sadness and isolation. Most of the women that Women's Space works with do not have a family, community and friends to share their holidays with. So this year we're putting on a special Christmas party so they can experience a day of joy, laughter, community, giving, and most importantly - a reminder that they are cherished and loved.

This year, we invite you to help us to Cherish a Woman. Instead of providing generic hampers, we want to invite you to provide specific gifts for each of our women. You will find from the women's descriptions that they are diverse. Some are mothers, however, most do not have the children in their care so out of sensitivity to this, we ask you not to give gifts directly related to children. But something like a photo frame so they could have a picture of their child if they choose would be great. Keep in mind that some women are homeless so small easy to carry gifts or things they can wear are great.

If you choose to cherish the women on Night Outreach, then please select a group of three women or more. Gifts will be given to the women when they're working so please make sure the gifts are small and can fit into pockets or handbag as they will be carrying the gifts around for the remainder of the night.

If you would like to Cherish a Woman, please contact us with the initials and age of the woman or women you'd like to cherish so that we can make sure that each woman will receive a gift for Christmas.

- You can include a special note/card with the gifts to the women if you choose
- Please do not wrap gifts, but include wrapping paper/ribbon/gift bag
- **Night Outreach gifts need to be received by Monday 12 December**
- **Christmas Party gifts need to be received by Thursday 15 December**
- **Call 0426 502 940 to arrange a time to drop off your gifts**

With much love and gratitude,
Women's Space



A safe place for respect, listening and support

HopeStreet's Women's Space is an outreach service and a safe space for street-based sex workers. It is a place which offers the women opportunity, long-term support and freedom to be who they are without discrimination and prejudice.

The program assists the women by providing basic needs, crisis support, counselling, information about sexual health, medical and other services. Lodging housing applications, building positive relationships and community networks are other ways we offer support.

With 80% of our visitors experiencing homelessness, the program offers pathways to accommodation, education and alternative employment.

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AN— 30 Years, Clothes size 16

Hello, I've been with Women's Space for 8 years and they have supported me with my basic needs, community & social interaction and most importantly someone to talk to on the days when things get too unbearable. I love to write, paint and read. I would enjoy things like art supplies and a journal. I am on a spiritual journey and Women's Space has been part of this important aspect of my life.

CC— 54 Years, Mother, Clothes size 10, Shoe size 8, Favourite colours are purple, blue and black

Hello, I've been connected with Women's Space this year 2011 and they have supported me with my basic needs, depression & anxiety and health. At Women's Space, I can find peace and tranquility in the garden on days when I find it hard to walk through the door. I love to garden and do have a place of my own now. I would enjoy things like make-up and leggings.

CC— 40 Years, Mother, Clothes size 14, Favourite colour is purple

Hello, I've been with Women's Space for 3 years and they have supported me with my basic needs, housing, crisis and depression. They helped me to find alternative employment and provided long-term support as I move forward to reflect on where I want to be and explore a new perspective on who I am. I finally have a place of my own after many years of homelessness and now trying to make it a home. I would enjoy things like homewares and photo frames.

EC— 50, Mother, Clothes size 12

Hello, I've been with Women's Space recently this year 2011 and already they have shown me great kindness and love that I've never known in my life before. They are there to listen when I need someone to talk to about the difficult daily things that are happening in my life. I recently just got my own place after a long period of being homeless and living in crisis accommodations. I love to paint and share my artwork with the community. I also love to write and knit. I would enjoy things like art supplies and a writing journal as these are ways to express myself and heal.

FR— 47 Years, Clothes size 12

Hello, I've been with Women's Space for 6 years and they have supported me with my basic needs, depression, breast cancer and the loss of a close family member. They were there in times of crisis and continue to support me after I secured my own home. I have a small dog that I adore. I would enjoy things like mascara and eyeliner.

HS— 21 Years, Clothes size 8, Shoe size 8.5

Hello, I've been with Women's Space for 7 years and they have supported me with my basic needs, crisis and housing options. I am currently still homeless and hope to have a place of my own one day. I'm in touch with my feminine and creative side so I love putting clothes and accessories together, some people have even called me fashionable! I would enjoy things like perfume, makeup and accessories.

LG— 36 Years, Mother, Clothes size 8

Hello, I've been with Women's Space for 4 years and they have supported me with my basic needs, emergency crisis and health needs. I'm slender and petite, though I have the energy to fill the room with my enormous presence! I really love animals! I am homeless and find it hard to find accommodations that would take in pets. So I hope one day I can have my own place where I can have my pet with me. I would enjoy things like jewellery and handbags.

Hello, I've been with Women's Space for 8 years and they have supported me with my basic needs, spirituality and someone to talk to when I need it most. I am tall and slim so I love wearing long flowing dresses and skirts. I am also creative and enjoy gardening.

LE— 40 Years, Mother, Clothes size 10

Hello, I've been with Women's Space for 4 years and they have supported me with my basic needs, mental illness, physical health including hospital support and the many days of crisis. I am still homeless and seek to find my home one day. I am Turkish, petite and known to be very outgoing and outspoken (maybe a little to much at times!). I would enjoy things like makeup and high heels!

**JS —
40 Years,
Clothes size 8,
Shoe size 8**

LM— 50 Years, Mother, Clothes size 10, Shoe size 9

Hello, I've been with Women's Space for 8 years and they have supported me with my basic needs, crisis and housing. These past few years have been extremely difficult and I come to Women's Space to find a sense of calmness in the days of chaos. I have a small dog and recently just got my own place! So I would love things like homewares. I also have the love for antiques.

LA— 50 Years, Clothes size 10

Hello, I've been with Women's Space for 7 years and they have supported me with my basic needs, housing, crisis, education training, hospital support and spirituality. I am very spiritual and a Christian. I love to read books with daily devotions and quotes. I also am in touch with my femininity and adore lacy lingerie!

MM— 40 Years, Clothes size 8, Favourite colour is anything purple

Hello, I've been with Women's Space for 7 years and they have supported me with my basic needs, crisis and domestic violence with my partner. They are the long-term support that many of the women and I need in our lives. I am an Indigenous woman and still looking for a place to call home, as I am currently homeless. I adore jewellery and would enjoy any kind of unique earrings.

ML— 45 Years, Mother, Clothes size 18, Favourite colours are purple, aqua and blue

Hello, I've been with Women's Space for 8 years and they have supported me with my basic needs, housing, hospital and crisis support, spirituality and social interaction. Women's Space is the consistent structure and stability in my life. I just recently got my own place so no longer homeless living in temporary or crisis accommodation. I am Christian and consider my spirituality very important to me. I love to write poems and read real crime books. I also love things with butterflies.

Hello, I've been with Women's Space for 3 years and they have supported me with my basic needs, extreme crisis including sexual assault and embracing my identity. I am Fijian and still currently homeless. Women's Space has been there for me in times of crisis, which has made me look at my life at a different angle, including seeking rehab for my addiction. I do wholly embrace my femininity so would enjoy things like nail polish and makeup. Yet, I also love entertaining my mind at the movies, so would enjoy movie tickets as well.

**NA—
20 Years,
Clothes size 14**

Hello, I've been with Women's Space for 4 years and they have supported me with my basic needs, hospital support, health and many, many crises. Being homeless means that I don't have the opportunity to experience many simple things like a hot shower and looking pretty, which I consider are luxury to me. At Women's Space, I get to spoil myself with those luxuries. So I would enjoy things like baby powder, hair accessories and high heels. Though sometimes I like to come back down to casual with some runners and Havianas!

RA— 28 Years, Mother, Clothes size 14, Shoe size 9.5-10, Favourite colour is baby blue/all blues

Hello, I've been with Women's Space for 5 years and they have supported me with my basic needs, health and hospital support. Their long-term support allows me to grow and gain new perspectives. I love listening to music and you will usually find me on my headphones! I also adore high heels and stilettos! I rock both the music and the heels!

RO—
37 Years,
Mother,
Clothes size 12,
Shoe size 10

Hello, I've been with Women's Space for 1 year and they have supported me with my basic needs, crisis, housing options and education/job training. And I recently just moved into my own place! I am Thai and love my feminine side! I would enjoy things like flat shoes and homewares!

ST—
40 Years,
Clothes size 8,
Shoe size 9

Hello, I've been with Women's Space for 5 years and they have supported me with my basic needs, crisis, social interaction and health. I have my own home and that has helped me to stabilised my life. I love things feminine such as G-strings and yet can get casual with a pair of Havianas and pyjamas! I've been told that I'm fashionable because I adore nice brands!

HK—
46 Years,
Clothes size 12,
Shoe size 10

JA

Vibrant
Outgoing
Grateful

NIGHT OUTREACH

AM

Slender
Lovable
Fun

For the women we connect with on outreach, perfect gifts that would be most appreciated and loved are Jewellery and Makeup as these are small and easier for the women to carry. You will no doubt make her smile!

RA

Silky Hair
Mysterious
Red Lips

LI

Colourful
Outspoken
Exciting

KI

Playful
Adventure
Comedic

SU

Polite
Feminine
Smiley

CA

Quiet
Considerate
Sweet

HE

Gentle
Adorable
Kind

GR

Feisty
Strong
Direct

THANK YOU FOR PUTTING A SMILE ON THE WOMEN'S FACE THIS SEASON
OUR UTMOST GRATITUDE AND JOY FOR YOUR SUPPORT



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