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WHEN AND HOW TO GIVE RESPONSIBLY:

In support of the **Give Responsibly Campaign** we encourage the public to "Take cash out of the system" by buying food and shelter vouchers and refer people in need to organisations in our community who will assist them – these organisations offer important social support services which the street people need.

Why the community should not give hand outs:

- Giving money to children on the streets encourages them to leave home and stay out of school, it promotes substance abuse and keeps them away from organisations that are able to help them.
- Giving food and clothing also does not help, it is sold or exchanged.
- Giving money or support directly to street people demotivates them to search for professional social services which can change their lives.

What the community can do to assist the Give Responsibly Campaign:

- Sponsor a meal or shelter voucher.
- Sponsor a Job Rehabilitation shift.
- Donate clothing, food products, toiletries, office supplies and cleaning material to organisations who offer services to street people.
- Sponsor a grocery gift card voucher for food
- Donate your time by volunteering
- Sign a debit order form for a programme of your choice
- Give time and respect to street people by
 - Referring them to helping organisations
 - Using a resource list of your area
- Know your 'hood' (neighbourhood) – get to know the organizations in your area.

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