



November 2017

Hello,

We wanted to reach out and see if you may be able to help us with a couple of volunteer jobs over the Christmas period and beyond. We have a few ways you might help us over this time:

Street Appeal

The Auckland City Mission Christmas Street Appeal will be on Friday 8th (shifts are before work and at lunchtime) and Saturday the 9th of Dec 2017. We are desperately short of volunteers and we need to raise \$40,000 from this appeal, so please let us know if you can help us! Collecting locations are Central Auckland, Ponsonby and Newmarket. We are looking to recruit over 200 collectors this year. Please get in contact with me if you or your group would be available.

Distribution Centre

15 Auburn Street, Grafton: The main activities for the volunteers are:

- Packing food parcels.
- Restacking and labelling food cans / tins .
- Sorting and organising food / goods / bric-a-brac.
- Sorting clothing.
- Washing walls and windows.
- Cleaning, sweeping and mopping.

Hobson St

From December 6th – 22nd every family that receives an emergency food parcel will also receive a present for each of their children. Last Christmas the Mission distributed almost 9,000 presents, all of which need sorting into age and gender groups before they can be distributed. Volunteers assist us to sort presents and pack them for families. We also require assistance sorting donated food in our onsite foodbank.

Timings and Group Sizes

6th, 7th December - 12 people required

8th December - 4 people required

22nd December - 21 people minimum

9am-5pm - We must have a full day from all Hobson teams.

If you can't provide the minimum people required please still contact us, as we may be able to have two or three groups assisting us together to make up the minimum number.

Please note we are currently booking in groups for January, February and March 2018. We always have a large number of groups volunteering up until 25th of December and then we really struggle to get anyone to come to the centre until March while our services are still in high demand. If you can help us out in early 2018 we would really appreciate it.