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## **Neighbourhood Centres support Christmas giving.**

Neighbourhood Centres have always been a place where community can belong, connect and support each other. This year, Belong Blue Mountains is collecting donations to provide Christmas hampers and gifts to those who are needing a little extra to help fill their Christmas tables and under their trees.

Well-known and much-loved community member Noel Pope from Lawson Post Office has helped raise \$500 so far to support the Belong Blue Mountains Christmas Hamper efforts by wearing a dress to work to encourage the smiles and generosity of locals. "I'm always keen to have a laugh and get behind a good cause. The local community is always so generous." said Noel.

Giving Trees are located at the Katoomba, Mid Mountains (Lawson) and Lower Mountains (Blaxland) Neighbourhood Centres where people can donate festive food items and gifts to be passed onto those who have been doing it tough. Festive food items must be non-perishable and in-date. Gifts for both children & adults are welcome but must be new and unwrapped (for the Neighbourhood Centre elves to wrap). You can also give by volunteering some time to help with hamper packing and delivery or by giving a monetary donation for the Christmas hamper program at [www.belongbm.org.au](http://www.belongbm.org.au)

If you, or someone you know, could use a little extra support this Christmas, you can request a hamper by calling Belong Blue Mountains on 02 4759 2592 between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday, or submit a request online at [www.belongbm.org.au/christmas](http://www.belongbm.org.au/christmas) any time before 10 December.

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Noel Pope of Lawson 'dressed up' for his Christmas fundraising, making a donation on behalf of the local community to Pauline Stafrace, Belong Blue Mountains, for the community Christmas Hamper program.