



*'Tis the season to give*

Christmas is a special time of year. A time that is filled with families, friends and communities coming together to enjoy a meal, exchange gifts and celebrate. Sadly, this is often not the case for the women and families we have supported this year.

2020 has been a year like no other. COVID has affected many but particularly our vulnerable community. In South Australia, more and more women are experiencing homelessness, are the victims of domestic and family violence and are battling mental health issues.

## Imagine experiencing one or even all of these challenges – but you are a new Mum.

You have the constant demands of a newborn yet you don't have a safe place to live, the basic necessities of food and hygiene items with limited or no support. You are scared and you feel incredibly alone.

*These are the women The Village Co supports.*

Every week, we are phoned by major maternity hospitals who have women arrive to give birth with nothing – simply the clothes on their backs. In addition to this we hear from youth programs and community agencies who are working with women who need further help. These women are desperately seeking support from those around them.

*"I received one of your wonderful bags as I am expecting to give birth next month. I am struggling so much. I also have a 2 year old son that is profoundly deaf, so for me going out to prepare for my little girl is really hard. But, your bag of goodies not only helped me as I don't have a lot of money, it made me realise that there are people out there that really do care."*

*\*Emma –  
Welcoming Baby Bag recipient*

*"I'm having a tough time and your amazing gift gave me the strength I needed right now. It let me know I'm not alone".*

*\*Sophie – Self Love Bag recipient*

**At this time of year, we invite you to take some time to think of women like Sophie and Emma and give a gift that will make an impact, not only at Christmas time but all year round.**

**With your help we can continue to make sure they know - we care and they aren't alone.**

## *Gift Options:*

DONATE NOW VIA OUR WEBSITE

- ★ \$25.00 – Will buy a newborn clothes to wear home from the hospital
- ★ \$50.00 – Will provide a box of nappies and wipes
- ★ \$75.00 – Will buy a new mum essential hygiene items after the birth of their baby
- ★ \$150.00 – Will provide a full bag of essentials for mum and baby

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