



Sunbury Community Health Centre family services case manager Ashtyn Vella and staff Judy Marino and Tracey Duhau pick up the items for the family in need from The Good Guys Sunbury manager Recep Kayim.

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## DONATIONS TO HELP A FAMILY IN REAL NEED

CHRISTMAS has come early this year for a Sunbury family in desperate need of some goodwill.

The mother and her two young children, who could not be identified, fled their home to escape years of on-going violence.

But now they will be able to celebrate Christmas in style, thanks to some much-needed gifts from The Good

Guys Sunbury, which learnt of the family's situation through its Local Giving Program partner Sunbury Community Health.

The family was last week surprised with a new fridge, washing machine and microwave, which will help them set up a new life.

Sunbury Community Health executive manager

Bernie Hetherington said the gifts would encourage the family to continue moving forward and acknowledge the strength they have shown to escape harm.

"This family has shown enormous courage, strength and fight in an attempt to stay safe," Ms Hetherington said.

"Unfortunately, they are

not the only ones in need of a helping hand, but there is much that the community can do to support one another.

"Reach out to your neighbour this festive season to make sure they're OK.

"Let your neighbour, friends and family know that you are there for them." Ms Hetherington is also

encouraging the Sunbury community to continue supporting The Good Guys' Local Giving Program.

The program sees a percentage from each transaction at the Sunbury store donated to Sunbury Community Health to support its health and welfare services.

Customers can take part by dropping a special Doing Good token in boxes as they complete their transaction.