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OPR GETS BEHIND CENTACARE APPEAL FOR MID-WEST FAMILIES IN NEED

As Christmas approaches, Oakajee Port and Rail (OPR) has thrown its support behind a festive season mid-west outreach campaign, being coordinated by Centacare Family Services, Geraldton.

OPR's mid-west community office in Geraldton has once again become a collection point for donations of non-perishable food items and unwrapped childrens gifts.

The food and gifts will be distributed to families experiencing hardship across the mid-west.

OPR Community and Government Relations General Manager Kim Pervan urged the community to drop off an item at the office, on 260 Foreshore Drive, during normal business hours.

"Last year we were inundated with food and gifts," Ms Pervan said.

"There's no doubt the generosity of the community made Christmas that little bit easier for local families doing it tough.

"We'd like to do even better this year – so spread some festive cheer and drop off an item."

Centacare Family Services is a family-focused, not-for-profit organisation – offering a variety of support services to regional residents.

Acting Director Anne Smith said Christmas was a particularly busy period.

"We offer a selection of special projects at this time of year, including a Community Christmas Day Lunch and the Back to School Project," Mrs Smith said.

"Companies such as OPR and local businesses have been very supportive of our projects over the years and it makes a real difference to the lives of people in need."

Centacare is a registered charity and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

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OPR's vision is to deliver an integrated mid-west iron ore supply chain – benefiting the region's resource sector and wider economy for decades to come – through the construction of a deepwater port at Oakajee, 25km north of Geraldton, and a 570km railway, servicing the region's emerging mining operations.

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