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## **CITY OF RYDE AND THE SMITH FAMILY REACH MILESTONE**

The City of Ryde and The Smith Family have reached a key milestone in their ongoing relationship, with more than one million kilograms of material donated via charity clothing bins located in the city.

The one million kilograms was donated over a period of seven years since the City of Ryde entered into an agreement with The Smith Family to be the supplier of charity clothing bins on Council-owned property.

There are 30 charity clothing bins located in the City of Ryde, with the agreement crucially allowing The Smith Family to track the volume of material it collects and subsequently reuses.

Recognising the milestone, Peter Lombardo, Operations Manager at The Smith Family, thanked the entire City of Ryde community for its generosity.

“Contributions to the clothing bins from residents in the City of Ryde greatly assist The Smith Family by generating cost efficiencies,” Mr Lombardo said.

“The proceeds we make from the sale of clothing donations help to keep our administration costs as low as possible. This ensures that the majority of funds raised through donations from supporters can be spent directly on educational programs for disadvantaged students.”

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said Council would continue to support the great work The Smith Family was undertaking to help young Australians in need with their education.

“City of Ryde residents have always been known for their generosity and this significant milestone of one million kilograms of material being donated just proves that,” Cllr Laxale said.

“We will continue to work closely with The Smith Family to grow our partnership even further and help the charity continue to break the cycle of disadvantage for young people that are most in need.”

The Smith Family will make a special presentation to the City of Ryde at the Council Chambers during the Council meeting on Tuesday 27 February.

For specific locations of The Smith Family clothing bins visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/clothingbins](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/clothingbins).