

Doncare drops hampers

CHRISTMAS is changing at Doncare.

In an effort to give more control and choice to its clients, the Doncaster East welfare agency is moving away from distributing their traditional hampers and supplementing the cost of holiday food with supermarket gift card vouchers.

Chief executive Doreen Stoves said it was decided after talks with clients and was designed to respect different needs.

"The hampers have been successful but this way people get to buy the food they want to eat," she said.

The amount given will be relative to the particular client or family.

Last year Doncare provided 234 hampers of donated food and 2500 toys.

The agency is still appealing for donations of toys, money and non-perishable food.

Ms Stoves said she hoped the supporters of Doncare would continue their generosity to the new endeavour. "The heart in M a n n i n g h a m a t Christmas is phenomenal," she said.

Details: doncare.org.au.