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MAKING A DIFFERENCE: Kenneally's team members delivering blankets to Claymore Child and Family Connect.

Blanket drive a great success

COMMUNITY

A VARIETY of local community groups are prepared for winter thanks to generous donations from Macarthur residents.

More than 300 blankets, beanies, scarves and other winter items were donated and distributed as part of Kenneally's Funerals blanket drive this May.

Samantha Lysaught, from Kenneally's, said the drive was started to ensure Macarthur's homeless population was warm during the coming winter season.

She said the drive was

"extremely successful" and expressed her appreciation for the widespread support.

"A heartfelt thanks to all who have donated and to the many people that assisted in getting the word out through social media," she said.

Donations were made to organisations including We Are Macarthur, Macarthur Diversity Services Initiative, Brand New Day, Shining Stars Foundation, Youth of the Streets and Claymore Child and Family Connect.

Gerald Kenneally said he was thrilled to receive so many donations.

"Over the last month we received many blankets, beanies and sleeping bags that have been generously donated by Macarthur residents and local businesses," he said.

Mr Kenneally and fellow staff arranged delivery to the community group recipients and even joined We Are Macarthur for a night drive to feed the homeless in Campbelltown.

Ms Lysaught said Macarthur residents could expect a similar drive again "same time next year".

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