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HANDS OF HOPE TO SUPPORT STOCKLAND'S PALLARA COMMUNITY DURING COVID-19

Residents of Stockland's Pallara community are stepping up to lend a helping hand during COVID-19 as part of a new Good Neighbours Project – a local Brisbane initiative by *Hands of Hope* which aims to provide local residents with a strong sense of community.

The initiative has been created for local community members to support those most affected by the coronavirus pandemic, including the elderly, pension holders and people in isolation.

The program sees volunteers deliver groceries to people self-isolating, check in with friendly phone calls or offer immediate food relief to community members who are in urgent need.

David Franklin, Senior Development Manager at Stockland said the initiative showcased the generosity of the local community.

"Now more than ever, we need to embrace our community spirit and help our more vulnerable members during their time in need," Mr Franklin said.

"We're encouraging those who have the ability to donate their time or spare goods to the cause and help make a difference in someone else's life."

Jacyline Khor, Hands of Hope coordinator, said as issues around loneliness became rampant amid COVID-19 restrictions, strong neighbourhood relationships were key to help people through the ordeal.

"Good Neighbours aims to empower local residents to experience a solid sense of neighbourliness, something we know is essential in our current climate," Ms Khor said.

"We believe many residents are willing to invest in better relations with their neighbours, and with the help of the Pallara community, believe the program will motivate locals to help make these connections flourish for years to come."

Those looking to volunteer their time can express interest via the [Volunteer Application Form](#). Local community members can also contribute food items and toiletries to the Hands of Hope office at 204 Sherbrooke Road, Willawong 4110, between 10am and 4pm every Monday to Thursday.

Meanwhile, residents in need of support can contact Hands of Hope on 07 3714 0315.

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About Pallara

Surrounded by lush natural bushland and just 19km from the CBD, Pallara will feature around 720 new homes and more than 2,000 residents on completion. Pallara also features two parks including an off-leash dog park, a 5.5 kilometres footpath loop, childcare centre and free community activities such as yoga and weekend Parkrun, the community caters perfectly to those wanting to embrace an active lifestyle.

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