



## Christmas Gift Boxes – reaching the hearts of disengaged young people



To whom it may concern

I am writing to you to ask if your organisation would consider making a contribution (whatever that may be) to our Christmas Gift Box project for 50 disadvantaged young people who participate at FAME.

FAME was established in 1996 by the Christian Brothers to provide educational, welfare & vocational support to young people who, due to present life circumstances, have become disengaged from mainstream education. Most of the young people come from extremely disadvantaged families who have been trapped in a cycle of generational welfare dependency. The FAME program aims to prevent the young person from being caught in this ongoing cycle by engaging them back into a learning environment that is suited to their needs and abilities.

FAME provides these young people with hope for a better future. For some it provides a safe place for them to continue their learning; for others, it helps to improve their literacy and numeracy skills with many progressing enough to

undertake formal qualifications or vocational training that can lead to apprenticeships or other employment opportunities.

Many of the young people arrive at FAME suffering from a lack of healthy self-esteem and self-worth due to their backgrounds and/or exposure to significant traumas in their lives. The Gift Box idea is a simple but effective way of showing them at Christmastime they are noticed, they are valued, and they are important. They receive their gift box in December during FAME's annual Awards Day. This event is where families, friends and local community members are invited to see the young people receiving awards for their achievements over the last year.

If you would like further information regarding FAME or the Christmas Gift boxes please do not hesitate to contact me on (08) 8354 2100 or 0478 315 776.

Merry Christmas... come this December,

Yvonne Bentham,  
Program Director

