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## REGISTRAR REINDEERS

General Practice Registrars Australia (GPRRA), the peak national representative body for GPs in training; would like to announce the launch of a new initiative that will see Christmas Presents for indigenous children in the NT who missed out last year due to the intervention.

The initiative is the brainchild of Dr Aleeta Fejo, an indigenous GP registrar from Northern Territory and the National Indigenous representative on GPRRA's advisory council.

When asked about her inspiration for the project Dr Fejo said "This [initiative] came about as a conversation I had with the national indigenous social workers associations a few months ago. I was distressed to learn that during the federal intervention in NT last year many indigenous families had a strain on household budgets due logistical issues with accessing certain shops. As a result of this, thousands of indigenous children missed out on Christmas presents."

"I wanted to see if there was some way of making up this year."

"Whilst on a visit to Adelaide a few months ago with Rotary international I saw a warehouse managed by 'Donations in Kind' which was full of presents that were originally meant to be distributed but due to transportation costs and lack of resources had been sitting there for a while."

" This prompted the idea of launching an initiative that will provide Christmas presents to the indigenous children in NT and I started making a few calls ....."

"Ever since Aleeta brought this to the attention of the GPRRA we put together a little plan to get GP Registrars to do their bit to help Santa this year." added Mr Amit Vohra, GPRRA CEO.

"Before we knew it we had Registrars volunteering to assist in sorting, labelling and wrapping presents so that we could get them from Adelaide to the NT." Dr Belinda Guest, GPRRA Chair added.

"We soon realised that we needed more help to pack and distribute so many presents to the outback, therefore we are asking the broader medical profession to join with GPRRA to give these children the Christmas they deserve."

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