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OFFICEWORKS 'ROUND UP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE' INITIATIVE RAISES MORE THAN \$1M

The Officeworks 'Round Up to Make a Difference' initiative has raised \$1,042,419 to support health and education community organisations across the country who need it most.

In its third year, the annual initiative forms part of Officeworks' commitment to help make a positive difference to the communities where its team members live and work. It sees customers given the choice to 'round up' their purchase in-store or donate online, with funds going direct to support the organisations.

This year, due to the significant impact of COVID-19, the focus of the initiative was to assist groups in two important areas: health and education. Our 167 store teams selected the organisations they wanted to help based on their connections within their local communities.

The fundraising group totals for the 2020 initiative include:

Youth Off The Streets (NSW)	\$82,644
St Vincent Hospital Sydney (NSW)	\$64,184
Lifeline (NSW)	\$48,221
Sydney Children's Hospital (NSW)	\$89,909
Country Education Foundation of Australia (NSW)	\$19,654
The Daniel Morcombe Foundation (QLD)	\$57,886
Children's Hospital Foundation (QLD)	\$72,683
Headspace (Qld)	\$68,439
Children's Ground (NT)	\$11,097
Backpacks 4 Kids (SA)	\$67,164
Royal Children's Hospital Foundation (VIC)	\$63,820
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (VIC)	\$78,996
Beyond Blue (VIC)	\$52,198
Make a Wish Foundation (VIC)	\$98,255
Dolly's Dream (VIC)	\$50,655
Royal Flying Doctor Service (TAS)	\$24,198
Lifeline (WA)	\$92,409

Officeworks General Manager Corporate Affairs, **Alexandra Staley**, said: "Now, more than ever, it is important for us to connect and support the communities where we live and work. For this year's Round Up to Make a Difference we thought it was vital to support local organisations with a focus on health and education

It has been really rewarding to see the passion and commitment our store teams have for these organisation and we are delighted with the results of this year. Together, we know we can make a difference to health and education related groups across the country during these challenging times."

Round Up to Make a Difference is one of the ways Officeworks supports local communities throughout the year, others initiatives include the Back To School Appeal for The Smith Family and the upcoming Wall of Hands campaign to raise funds for the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation.

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About Officeworks:

Established 25 years ago in Richmond, Victoria, Officeworks is committed to making bigger things happen for its customers, team, the community and stakeholders. It operates 167 stores across Australia, a website that is home to more than 40,000 products, a national call centre, and a business team that helps micro, small and medium-sized businesses start, run and grow. Officeworks offers customers a wide range of office supplies, technology, furniture, art supplies, education resources and helpful services like print & copy and on-site tech support through Geeks2U – delivering an experience that is easy and engaging, no matter how customers choose to shop. Office works is focused on the safety, wellbeing and career progression of the 8,000 team members it employs. It's also dedicated to operating in a sustainable manner, including building and maintaining meaningful connections with the communities in which it operates, fundraising for its national partners and local community groups, continuing to reduce its impact on the environment and source responsibly.