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Woollies helps disabled kids

A state-wide raffle at all 32 Woolworths supermarkets will save children's charity StGiles \$70,000.

StGiles, who has a respite service for children living with disability at Kingston and an allied health service at Lenah Valley, had been forced to abandon raffles when telemarketing costs reached \$70,000.

Earlier this year Woolworths, who has supported StGiles for many years with sausage sizzles and store fundraisers, offered to conduct a point of sale car raffle.

The Woolworths team has 40,000 tickets at \$2 each to sell before December 13. StGiles bought a Fiat 500 valued at \$17,000 as first prize and Woolworths donated shopping vouchers valued at \$1000 and \$500 for second and third winners.

Woolworths conducts a similar raffle in Melbourne for the Royal Children's Hospital.

“With the Woolworths teams selling our raffle tickets we can guarantee 100 per cent of every dollar raised can go back into the child health and support services we deliver in Hobart,” StGiles general manager of Profile and Engagement, Danielle Blewett said.

“Our Hobart service – physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, podiatry, psychology, behaviour support and respite – serves 3000 Hobart children a year.”

Tickets can be purchase at Woolworths check out and store counters statewide. The raffle will be drawn in Launceston at 3pm Thursday, December 13.

“It's an amazing Christmas gift for the kids who use our service and a very special present for whoever wins the car and shopping vouchers,” Ms Blewett said.

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