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Coronavirus is not welcome here

A Toowoomba not-for-profit organisation is helping local residents keep an unwelcome visitor out of their homes.

YellowBridge QLD, together with its co-funder the Queensland Government's Department of Housing and Public Works, has prepared almost 300 COVID-19 cleaning bucket packs for its tenants who live in social housing properties.

The buckets are filled with essential cleaning supplies such as soap, detergent, disinfectant, and reusable cloths to help tenants keep their homes virus-free.

"If there is one thing we have learnt during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is that coronavirus does not like clean hands or surfaces," YellowBridge Chief Executive Officer Penny Hamilton said.

"The public messages about personal hygiene and disinfecting high-touch surfaces have been heard loud and clear and we are helping our tenants to apply that advice in their homes," Ms Hamilton said.

"In some cases, cleaning supplies have been hard to find or have increased in price since the pandemic began so our COVID-19 clean bucket packs will help our tenants enormously."

YellowBridge manages 147 community housing properties throughout Toowoomba, which provides accommodation for more than 450 people.

Many of their tenants are on a low or fixed income which does not leave much surplus money for extra cleaning supplies or to cover price increases.

"A bucket full of cleaning products may not seem like a big deal to most people, but it is a huge help for those who are experiencing tough times," Ms Hamilton said.

"At YellowBridge, we never underestimate the power of a simple gesture of help and kindness. Every day, we witness the positive impact these have on people in need."

The initiative is supported with funding by the Queensland Government's Department of Housing and Public Works who praised the idea and was keen to help distribute as many buckets as possible to those in most need.

IMAGE: YellowBridge QLD Property Officer Baljinder Gill (left) and Department of Housing and Public Works Customer Service Manager Anita Weier deliver a Clean Bucket Pack to Nora King.

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