



Hove charity can do with your help

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SOUTH Australia's oldest registered charity has appealed for more public help to cope with growing demand.

CanDo4Kids, which has been helping deaf and blind children and their families from its base in Hove for more than 130 years, has been forced to put some services – such as camps – on hold due to the economic downturn.

The charity is \$50,000 down on budget for its donations and lottery sales, with donations having dropped by 20 per cent and its lottery income down by almost a third.

Group operations manager **Briony Willoughby** said there were about 60 families on the charity's waiting list.

"The need for our services is certainly increasing, but we don't have the capacity to increase our staff at the moment," she said.

Established in 1874 and formerly known as Townsend House, CanDo4Kids provides early intervention programs,



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therapy services and family support for up to 800 children in SA.

Charity Direct acting chairman **Darryl Buchanan**, whose group aims to ensure every fundraising dollar reaches the designated charity, said the past year had been difficult.

"Everyone's tightened their belts a little bit . . . and corporate support has certainly been down across the board," he said.

"There's a propensity for people to give to charity, which is fantastic, but obviously there's a limit to how much."

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