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Walk in My Shoes: Anti Poverty Week Event Thursday 18 October 8am-11am

As part of Anti Poverty week 2018, a group of local organisations have banded together to put on a morning tea in Darwin at Raintree Park, The Mall from 8am – 11am on Thursday 18 October. On the day, there will be a BBQ supported by Bunnings, as well as CDU trainee hairdressers offering free haircuts, shoe trees with free shoes for those in need as well as other giveaways. Stalls will also be held by Catholicare NT, AMSANT, CAAPS, NT Shelter, Danila Dilba, One Disease, Aboriginal Broadcasting Australia and NTCOSS. Other organisations supporting the event include the Salvation Army, Baptist Care, and Anglicare NT.

This event is the culmination of a week of activity, in which Shoe Trees have been in place with donated shoes at Danila Dilba Palmerston, Malak and Knuckey St Clinics, Palmerston Recreation Centre, Darwin City Council, St Vincent De Paul Oznam House in Stuart Park, and Amity in Parap. These trees will also be on display at the event on Thursday for people to either take or donate shoes. People often find it expensive to buy shoes and this is a small way of trying to alleviate this burden for people experiencing hardship. The shoes distributed will also be important to help prevent the spread of Melioidosis through soil with the wet season just around the corner.

Anti-Poverty Week is a week where all Australians are encouraged to organise or take part in an activity aiming to highlight or overcome issues of poverty and hardship here in Australia or overseas. It was established in Australia as an expansion of the UN's annual International Anti-Poverty Day on October 17. In 2018 Anti Poverty Week is held from the 14th to the 20th of October.