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**A**CCORDING to Ralph Feller - the brain behind Clothesline charity - there are three things we need to survive; food, shelter and clothing.

Just 18-month's-old, the non-for-profit organisation, which gives free clothing, food and toiletries to Sydney's disadvantaged, is in discussions with local organisations to open a shop front - making it easier to access services.

"One of the things we have found with our warehouse is that if someone is indeed in need, it doesn't work for them to get to our warehouse away from the city," Mr Feller said.

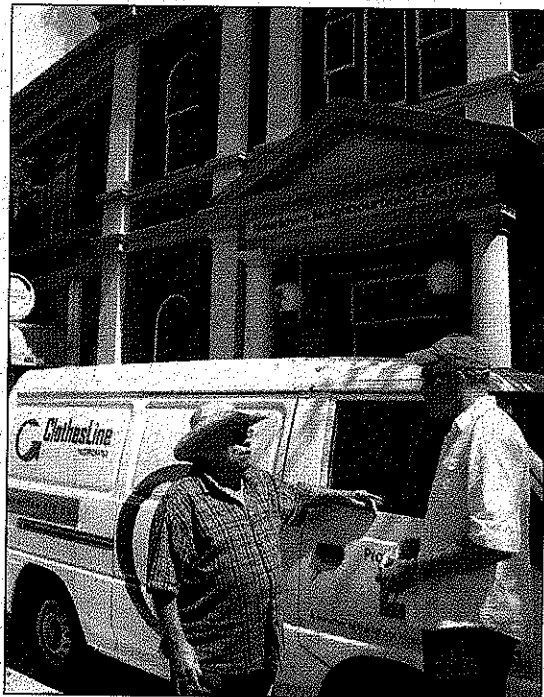
Clothesline has taken the phrase "one man's junk is another man's treasure" a step further, by providing free clothes from big brand companies like Adidas, Aussie Bum, Katies and Queenspark, as well as essential dry food products and toiletries like toothpaste and toilet paper.

Mr Feller said although the clothes donated to the charity were from big brand companies, the organisation is more about providing disadvantaged people with some dignity.

"In the Marrickville municipality there is large number of disadvantaged people. They get a fixed income from Centrelink, which a large proportion of that goes to accommodation" he said.

"The clothing donations we get are things that you and I would wear, designed to wear to court appearances, job interviews, funerals and other things like that."

Like a travelling suitcase, Clothesline



Organiser of Clotheslines Incorporated, Ralph Feller, and Newtown Neighbourhood Centre Programs Manager, Paul Ababie.

services Sydney suburbs with its van (as pictured), opening its doors to everyone who is in need.

Newtown Neighbourhood Centre Programs Manager, Paul Ababie, has seen Clothesline's success at some of the Neighbourhood Centre's events.

"Clothesline provided the hampers for last years community Christmas celebration," Mr Ababie said.

For more information about the charity visit [www.clothesline.org.au](http://www.clothesline.org.au).