

To the volunteers at “Heaven at the Hill’s” food programme in Melbourne.

Thank you for feeding hungry bellies

And warming hearts

During this lonely lockdown.

You wake up bright and early,

Preparing, packing and picking orders

All with a smile on your face.

Scrumptious sandwiches,

Free range eggs,

Braised beef,

Seasonal salads,

Frozen feasts,

Marvellous milk,

Free food for

Famished families,

Starving students,

Grateful grannies and grandads,

And mums with “hungry” children.

You write warm words

And draw smiley faces and hearts

On the paper packaging:

“You rock!”

“Stay safe”

“You’ve got this!”

Bringing a smile to the man who just lost his job.

With trolleys full of food

You walk the empty streets of Melbourne

Delivering to the needy

Giving to anyone who asks,

Just like Jesus told us to do.

Thank you for being His hands and feet.

Charlotte Shepherd