

"Overnight, my **income stopped** and everything in my life became uncertain."



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Martin, Registrar and  
single father of two

COVID-19 is a continually evolving situation for doctors; we don't know what's next. What we do know is that by working together, we can continue to support all doctors whose health, wellbeing and income have been impacted by the global pandemic. Together, we can make a difference to doctors in crises across New South Wales and the ACT. **With your support, we can provide counselling and financial assistance to families just like Martin's; families experiencing sickness and hardship.** *We can't do it without you.*

\$100

Helps cover the cost of prescribed medicines for treatment

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Puts food on the table for a doctor and their family for one week

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Helps a family to pay their rent for a week, to help keep a roof over their head

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Please will you donate this Christmas and help us provide **counselling and financial assistance** to more families like Martin's at a time they need it the most.

## COVID-19 doesn't discriminate

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, you would be forgiven for believing that doctors have one of the most secure jobs in the world.

'Flattening the curve' and reducing the pressure on stretched healthcare systems have become global missions. No one would expect well paid medical staff to bear the financial burden of the pandemic.

### But this was the reality for father of two, 38 year old Martin.

When COVID-19 forced the indefinite cancellation of elective surgeries, Martin's income stopped almost immediately.

Government support was provided to thousands of Australians, but Martin was ineligible for Jobkeeper payments. He experienced difficulty accessing his superannuation, and Martin's landlord was of the incorrect opinion that there would be no shortage of work for a doctor and refused to negotiate his rent.

With two children to home school, bills mounting by the day and with his work significantly reduced, Martin didn't know which way to turn. Suddenly everything that was once so clear had changed and he felt helpless, anxious and lost.



Martin, Registrar and single father of two

### Can you imagine everything you know being thrown into question while also living with the valid fear that you could bring the virus home to your children?

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, MBANSW was able to assist with Martin's utility bills and clear his rental arrears. Working together, we reduced the uncertainty for his family during one of the most unprecedented times in medical history.

### As the medical sector faces more uncertainty than ever in the wake of COVID-19, please will you donate today to help us support more doctors like Martin facing financial hardship?



**Make a secure donation online now at [givenow.com.au/mbansw](https://givenow.com.au/mbansw) or complete the donation slip below**

## Yes I want to help fellow doctors who are in crisis this year

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