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Not-for-profit donation platform GIVIT is asking for donations to help people and families across the Geelong region reach their education goals.

The GIVIT Ready to Learn Appeal gives donors the opportunity to help by donating or funding specific items and tools required to support the education of people in need.

GIVIT chief executive Sarah Tennant said education needs can arise at any time and can include stationary, digital devices or uniforms.

“GIVIT is calling for donations of educational materials for students and families in need of support,” she said.

“This includes traditional back to school items for primary and high school children but also needs for TAFE and university students, international students or refugees looking to improve their skills.”

Donation requests include school essentials for a mother and her child who are experiencing financial hardship after escaping domestic violence and are struggling to afford essential school supplies to allow the child to continue with their education.

The donation of a laptop is also requested for a Geelong woman who left a violent relationship and is completing an online course to further her education and work prospects.

There are more than 100 items currently needed in the Geelong region.

“Education is key to breaking the cycle of poverty,” Ms Tennant said.

The most requested items include exercise books, stationery, school bags, lunch boxes, drink bottles and laptops. School shoes, school uniforms, and vouchers to purchase these items are also often requested.