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Marcus Godinho, FareShare

What to do with a tonne of unwanted Heinz tomato sauce? Easy – add it to a crate of (donated) meat and several boxes of (free) vegetables and turn it into hearty meals for the disadvantaged. FareShare has a restaurant-quality kitchen but is strictly not-for-profit, turning good food destined for dumpsters into meals for charities since 2000. CEO Marcus Godinho, 38, says this year has been pivotal, doubling the number of charities it supplies to more than 100, yet keeping its costs as low as 40 cents a meal. It has only five paid staff (including two professional chefs) but up to 1500 people now volunteer. “Our goal is to give away one million meals this year and we’re quietly confident of doing that.”

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Tasneem Chopra

Tasneem Chopra, 38, is the chair of the Islamic Women’s Welfare Council of Victoria, which made news this year after it published a report claiming some imams in Australia condoned domestic violence, polygamy, rape in marriage and welfare fraud. In response, Australia’s most senior Muslim cleric, Sheikh Fehmi Naji el-Imam, promised he would move to end segregation in mosques. A second report in December documented racial violence against Muslims. Says Chopra: “These reports highlight the urgency of protecting Muslim communities’ most vulnerable and marginalised: women and children.” Chopra also mentored a group of 20 young people for La Trobe University and the Victorian Islamic Council’s Young Muslim Leadership Program.