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VULNERABLE mothers are in desperate need of an Essendon hub, family support workers say.

Caroline Chisholm Society, a pregnancy and family support organisation, needs money to fit-out its new base at 744 Mt Alexander Rd to house its operations as well as playgroups, counselling services and emergency relief.

Society chief executive Helen Cooney said the "demand for our services always outstrips our capacity", heightening the need to fast-track its facility.

"It doesn't matter how many appointments we offer, we always have a waiting list," Ms Cooney said.

"That demand will keep increasing (because) the growth in the western suburbs is extraordinary."

The organisation, which supports women during and after pregnancies, bought the Mt Alexander Rd site after it outgrew its former Park St house in Moonee Ponds.

It is fundraising to fit-out its new headquarters and the community has so far donated more than \$280,000, but more is needed.

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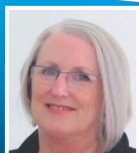


Helen Cooney (back) and Rosie Dymus (left) with Harper, Tobias, Freya and Edward (front) at the Mt Alexander Rd facility.

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