



Thank You for Making Christmas Magical for Thousands of Children

On behalf of everyone at **KidsOut**, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your incredible generosity during our **2025 Giving Tree Appeal**.

For children and young people who have had to leave everything behind to escape domestic abuse, they carry fear, confusion, loss, and uncertainty. Many leave their homes in the middle of the night, without time to say goodbye to friends, pets, or treasured toys. For a child, that sudden disruption can be deeply unsettling and frightening.



This is why the **“Christmas Toy Box”** matters so much. A Toy Box is far more than a box of toys, it is often the first thing that belongs just to them since arriving in refuge. On Christmas morning, opening that box filled with brand-new toys is a magical moment. It tells a child, without words that they are seen and valued. The simple joy of unwrapping a present, cuddling a teddy, or playing a new game can help restore a sense of comfort, normality, and childhood at a time when everything else feels unfamiliar.

As Head of Children’s Services, I have seen how these small moments of joy can have a powerful impact. They help children begin to feel safe, to settle, and to smile again.

The **“Christmas Toy Box”** exists because every child deserves kindness, dignity, and the chance to feel like a child, even in the most difficult of circumstances.



Because of your kindness, we were able to deliver Christmas Toy Boxes to every child living in a women’s refuge or safe house across the UK. **In total, we provided more than 5,636 children in Refuge** (56,360 toys) with Christmas Toy Boxes, along with thousands more to children in need.

Once again, thank you for your compassion and generosity. You have helped bring joy, hope, and a sense of normalcy to thousands of vulnerable children and families. We are truly privileged to have supporters like you who share our commitment to making a lasting positive impact.

A. J. Doherty

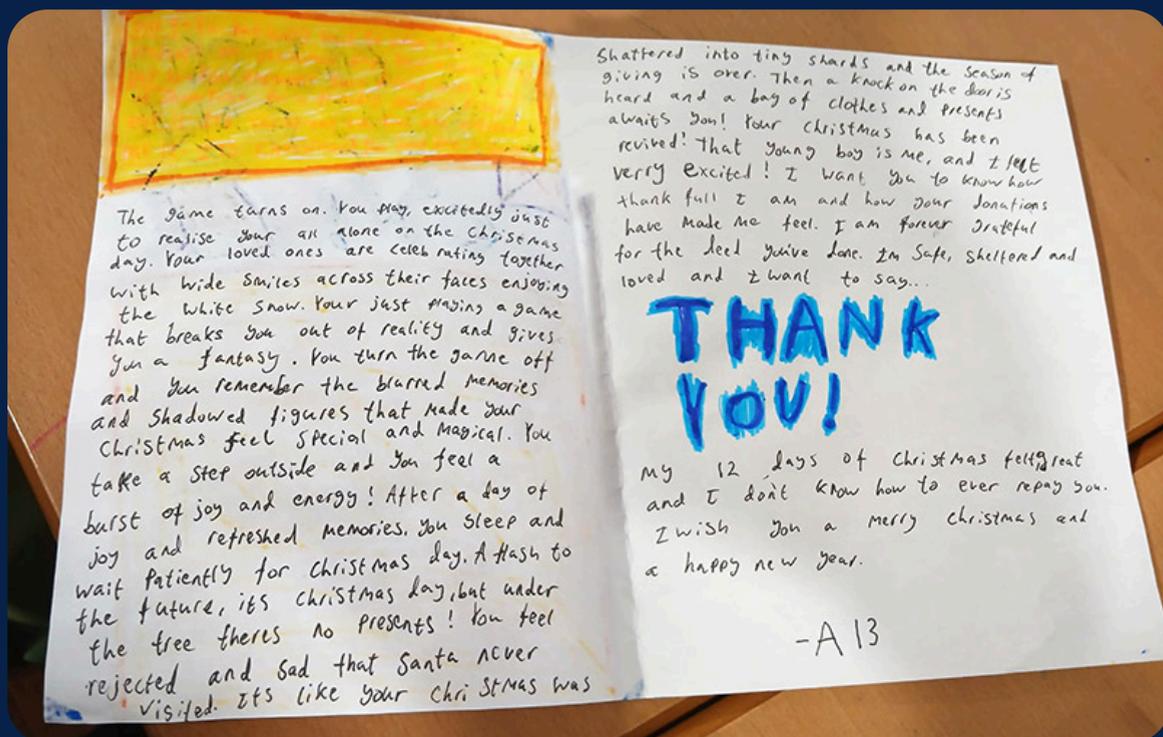
Sandra Doherty

Head of Children's Services

A thank you note that says it all...

We received this thank you note at the KidsOut office from a child aged 13 who was living in a refuge over Christmas... their words sum up the difference that a simple toy makes to a child's life.

A toy you helped us to deliver...



"The game turns on. You play, excitedly just to realise you're all alone on the Christmas day. Your loved ones are celebrating together with wide smiles across their faces enjoying the white snow. You're just playing a game that breaks you out of reality and gives you a fantasy.

You turn the game off and you remember the blurred memories and shadowed figures that made your Christmas feel special and magical. You take a step outside and you feel a burst of joy and energy! After a

day of joy and refreshed memories. you sleep and wait Patiently for Christmas day. A flash to the future, it's Christmas day, but under the tree theres no Presents!

You feel rejected and sad that Santa never visited. It's like your Christmas was shattered into tiny shards and the season t giving is over.

Then a knock on the door is heard and a bag of clothes and presents awaits you! lour Christmas has been revived? That young boy is me, and felt very excited!

I want you to know how thank full I am and how your donations have made me feel. I am forever grateful for the deed you've done. I'm safe, sheltered and loved and want to say...

THANK YOU!

My 12 day of Christmas felt great and I don't know how to ever repay you.

I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year."

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