

THE VULNERABLE FAMILIES IN FIFE - CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

2019

PLEASE SAVE THE DATES!

Once again many families are living in desperate circumstances. They need us and are now counting on us. Everything donated is given straight to the families.

WHAT IS NEEDED?

- Toys, books, games, new clothes, pyjamas, jewellery etc. or any fun presents for children of all ages (including teenagers) -this year there are lots of children under 1. Also second hand bikes are great as long as they are in safe condition;
- Presents for the parents – again, mainly Mums this year – there have been 49 recent referrals of young mums with mental health problems;
- Christmas treats e.g. selection boxes, tins of biscuits, sweets and perhaps savoury treats which are not too perishable;
- Christmas wrapping paper or gift bags ; and
- **Cash donations** – these are used to buy Asda vouchers for food as food banks are under huge pressure and the number of visits is restricted. It also provides an emergency fund to help families who need urgent help with accommodation and essential items like beds and duvets for children, cookers, fridges and washing machines. It is also used to fund family days out in the summer -a small way to help with the fact that they never get to go on holiday. The Faculty cash donation is ring-fenced so it is used only for the needs of the families.
- **Members can donate via their Faculty Services Ltd account (just email the amount and your code) or anyone can do so via a cheque payable to Faculty Services Ltd. Please complete a gift aid form (<https://intranet.advocates.org.uk/MEMBERS/Pages/MembersHomePage.aspx>) if you have not done so before and send it back to Maria Maguire Q.C. – this makes a huge difference.**

WHERE, WHEN AND HOW?

9 December 2019- 13 December 2019. You can hand donations in to **Faculty Reception during this period.** If you use the bag service you can send items in with your bag. **Cash/cheques/mandates— anytime from now!**

On **Saturday 14 December 2019** you can bring things into Parliament House in the morning (**10am-12noon**) after which we will take the donations straight to Fife in a Faculty van.

Thank you to everyone who has offered support and donated so far and for the fantastic response in the past years. Homestart Glenrothes and the families are very grateful and relieved that we are going to help them once again.
