

# A Big Thank You From Fortalice



We would like to extend our appreciation of the toys gifts and donations you generously gave to our families for Christmas. Your kindness allowed us to help 28 families, which meant a total of 52 children had presents to unwrap on Christmas morning.

Christmas is normally a magical experience for children, for many of ours it can be a scary time. They have moved away from family, friends and all that is familiar to them. With your thoughts, prayers and generosity you managed to spread some joy and happiness over the Christmas period.

Many of the families wished to extend their gratitude to people who helped make their Christmas an extra special time. Below are some quotes from the women who received your gifts:



***"I was very pleased and grateful for the presents I received as they were practical and what I needed (and chocolates are always appreciated!) As for the children's presents I cannot say how thankful I am, they are going to be amazed on Christmas morning and so happy. To be able to give them what they asked for I feel very lucky and one day I will be able to tell them how lucky they were. I wish I could say thank you to everyone who donated a present! I could not have asked for anything more."*** Mum of two girls, aged 2 & 4 years.

***"The presents that I got for myself and the children were outstanding and came as a great help. Couldn't of asked for any more and I would like to thank you for making it a lot easier for us"*** Mum of three, aged 11, 12 & 16 years.

***"I feel overwhelmed by people's charity and kindness. The presents are lovely. Thank you, so much."*** Mum of 12 year old girl.

***"I moved to Lewis House quite near Christmas with 3 kids and nothing for Christmas at all. I was so worried and dreading it so much, I didn't know what I would do and the thought my kids would have nothing for Christmas broke my heart. When I saw the donations I wanted to cry I was so grateful. Everyone who has given a present for kids like mine deserves a huge thank you, I hope they realize the happiness they have made for so many families. Thank you!!"*** Mum of three boys aged 5, 6 & 11 years.