



2020 has been a challenging year, but schools, companies and the local community came together to support HABS in providing another Christmas Appeal for struggling families.

Due to Covid restrictions we were worried we would not be able to generate what we needed, or reach as many families as last year, but we have exceeded last year because of you all.

Look what you helped make happen, we can not thank you all enough!

## WHERE IT BEGAN

HABS started the Christmas appeal in 2013 after a 6 year old boy told us that he hated Santa because he always missed his home. When we spoke to this single dad, he broke down and said he had been unable to afford Christmas for the past 2 years.

The amount of families we have supported over the years has grown - this started with 1 boy and this year we supported 271.

You helped us to reach more families.

## WE SUPPORTED

120 families

271 Children were given Christmas sacks of presents estimated at an overall value of £32,520

104 Families were supplied with vouchers towards food totaling - £4,150.00

97 Families were given money towards gas and electric totaling - £2,155.00

6 Families received winter clothing and shoes

**Total in excess of:**

**£39,000.00**

## FEEDBACK

Without this support many families felt that their children wouldn't be able to have a Christmas.

*'Thank you ever so much for the gifts and the Tesco voucher, this has really changed my year and our Christmas'.*

*See our separate feedback page*





## HABS WOULD LIKE TO SEND A HUGE THANK YOU TO...

- Wormley Parochial Charity
- St Laurence Wormley and St Augustine's Broxbourne - The Amazon list , cash donations, separate donations. *(Special thanks to Crystal for organising)*
- Broxbourne Primary School Parents *(Special thanks to Laura for helping to organise this)*
- Sheredes Primary school parents and staff *(special thanks to Chelsey and her whats-app group and Del for helping to organise)*
- Teens Unite
- Broxbourne United Charity
- St .Catherine and St. Paul's Church Hoddesdon
- Cecilia Smith Bosanquet Memorial trust
- Wormley School staff and parents
- Morrison's Hoddesdon
- Asda Hoddesdon
- Tesco Hertford
- Sainsbury's Depot
- St Augustine's Primary school and community
- Salvation Army
- S H Plumbing services
- Christchurch and St. Barts Church, St. Albans
- HABS Staff
- Local residents of Broxbourne , Wormley and Hoddesdon ***(We have a list of every person that donated, but due to GDPR we have been advised not to list individual names).***

## Meet The HABS Team

### Leigh Cole

*Partnership Manager & Counsellor*

### Gabby Connell

*Senior Family Support Worker & Mental Health Lead*

### Layla Oldam

*Targeted Family Support & Assistant Partnership officer*

### Karen Lawrence

*Family Support Worker & Nurture lead*

### Stella Pashley

*Family Support Worker*

### Hayley Clyne

*DSPL4 ASD Family Support Worker*

### Mandy Langston

*Administrator*

**HABS WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SAFE NEW YEAR**

**If you would like further information, or you need advice or support please contact us on:**

**01992 303 331 (opt 5)**

**Or find us on:**

**Facebook: HABS Family Support Team**

**Instagram: HABS\_FAMILY\_SUPPORT\_TEAM**

**Website: [www.habsfamily.co.uk](http://www.habsfamily.co.uk)**



## Sections of the family feedback we have received .....

*(All staff and family names have been removed due to GDPR)*

I wanted to say thank you so much for the present bag you acquired for my daughter. This year has thrown a lot of ups & downs our way, knowing daughter is happy and enjoys her Christmas is all that matters to me & these gifts provided have help to go towards ensuring that happens.

Thank you so much for all your help, my children will love the presents and food. We are so grateful for everything you do have lovely Xmas

I am mummy to a 5 years old and I have another child who is 7 . autistic and epileptic. We are a little family who live in Hoddesdon and literally our Christmas has been saved .

In October I was diagnosed with two different forms of breast cancer in both breasts and along with other health issues our little family life just crumbled and both me and my partner just sank in more ways than one that we just buried our heads and our focus was just keep going for the girls and 'act' normal .

And today it was like Father Christmas / fairy godmother at my doorstep saving Christmas/ December everything all in one . Our girls are just going to feel and be so happy and that is down to amazing people like you guys . You honestly don't know what this means to our little family . I feel so lucky and so thankful and so blessed .

I would like to thank each person who has given to me and my family at this time. I have fallen into hard times and I am so grateful that I have received such wonderful presents and financial help from you all

From the bottom of my heart I am so grateful and truly appreciate everyone who has helped me It is so gratefully received

I feel like you have all just saved me from a sinking ship. I wanted to sleep through Christmas and planned how I would tell the kids, they only have pens and books for Christmas. How do you explain to children, santa decided to give their friends bags of present, but he only gave you pens? Im crying as I write this. Because my kids will be the same this year. They will wake up and see, they was on Santas good list like their friends

I want to thank everybody for the donations , you have all helped make mine and my children's Christmas so special

I want to thank everyone for helping me and my family. I'm so overwhelmed by the support and kindness that you have all shown us. I truly feel I cannot thank you enough. My heart is fit to burst. Last year me and my children had nothing. Christmas was bleak and as a mum who is supposed to be able to provide I felt useless and a failure. The kindest of you all at HABS and everyone that supports your charity is absolutely mind boggling I honestly, cannot thank you all enough.

I must admit I burst into tears when I opened everything, absolutely everything is so gratefully received. Between the cash for heating, food vouchers and the lovely gifts. I am struggling to find the words to Express how grateful i am and how much every single item is appreciated. This has been a godsend not just to help us when we are struggling to get back on our feet, but also with the pandemic unable to get out. Please pass on our thanks to every person or group that contributed to the donations

You guys have helped and taken some weight off my shoulders. I cant thank enough you have helped me and have helped to put smile on my child's face... I cant thank enough. I could cry thru happiness writing this... thank u

I would like to thank everyone for what they have done for me and my children. I read your page and wished I was one of those people you were writing about., being helped, but me and my children are not that lucky. But this time I was, and you did find me and help me and my children, and they laughed all day and so did I and that was so special for me. You will never really get what you have don't for us. The had me happy all day

I am overwhelmed with the generosity and kindness of the donations we have received especially as this year has been like no other year, and the unprecedented challenges for many of our vulnerable families is immense.

I want you all to know me and the children had the most magical Christmas because of you all.

Christmas day is not something I look forward to and I actually hate it as it reminds me how much I let my kids down. But this year was different and I could not wait to wake them up and show them what santa had left. The smile on there faces was something I will remember for months to come. Thank you everyone for the food, vouchers, present and the electric-you are Angels sent from above!