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Festive Report 2024

Can't Smile Without You

15 organisations

Benefited from the Smile Chances Christmas Appeal

11 businesses

Donated either financially or with Gifts in Kind

£12,768.50

Donated by businesses either financially or with Gifts in Kind

Over 660

Items donated



Your donations have supported:

- Older people
- Children with special needs and disabilities
- People combatting loneliness and isolation
- Individuals who are homeless
- Children bereaved by suicide



Your donations have provided:

- Memory boxes
- Dressing gowns, hats, scarves and gloves
- Toiletries
- Christmas meals
- Toys
- Festive hampers and food parcels

Donations of:

23 advent calendars	96 toiletries	£10,500 in grant funding	327 selection boxes
165 food items	51 warm clothing items		

Thank you to

our supporters

We Can't Smile Without You...



You have

supported



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“We provided food, gifts and keepsakes to our Mums and volunteers. This is normally something we would struggle to fund. We would normally be able to fund biscuits and a hot drink but we did some extra bits and even pulled some Christmas crackers - some of our Mums have never seen a cracker before! We have had some wonderful feedback from all, thanks to this funding we are able to make everyone feel special. A high percentage of our families really have nothing, even the littlest luxury means so much to them, **it was so joyful to see the happiness on their faces** when we gave them a gift to take home for them and their child.”

The Doula Project

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“One tenant commented how lovely it was for a stranger to donate a gift but they would never know how much it meant to the person receiving it. **There are some truly kind people left.**”

Anchor Housing

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“This stuff is given by people who don't even know us, **it's a really big deal.** Thanks”

Home Start Goole

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“Gregson Court were very lucky to receive selection boxes through Smile. Some of my tenants have no family or friends and they feel quite lonely at this time of year. Receiving the gift reminded them there are people who care and that they are valued.

We are all truly grateful and please be assured you have made a lot of older people SMILE!”

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“A **huge thank you** to Hugh Rice and Smile Chances Christmas Appeal 2024 for their incredible generosity this Christmas! Their wonderful gifts, along with kind donations from the Hull community, have helped create a truly memorable time for women and children in our area who have experienced domestic abuse. We are so grateful for your support in making a positive difference.”

Hull Women's Aid

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“The contribution from Smile was very generous and just what we needed to run our Christmas meals. We try to minimise costs to our clients as much as we can, and with the recent changes to the Winter Fuel Payment, this year, it was especially important.

Each year we hold 2 Christmas lunches for our clients, one in Hull and one in East Yorkshire, which includes a hot meal, gift and some entertainment. The money we received has contributed to costs of the events by paying for the singer, which our clients greatly enjoyed. **Thank you so much for your support.**”

Age UK Hull and East Yorkshire



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"To say we are blown away is an understatement, Chelsey & I are amazed and **we really can't thank you enough for this generous and massive donation.** We thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

Mysterious Minds

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"Thank you for thinking of us, the kids loved their selection boxes and all the gifts and **it really helped us out.**"

Home Start Goole

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"The items supplied by Transwaste & Ideal Standard have been very gratefully received by our clients, who enjoyed an early Christmas lunch this year. The clothing has been welcome with the very cold weather that we have been experiencing. **We thank both companies** for their thoughtful donations."

Kingfisher Café

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After our Christmas parties we received some **wonderful feedback** from parents:

"Well done team FIG, the kids loved it! You are such a valuable resource for families in Goole!"

"Have been before and will go again. The kids really enjoy it. Lots of games and visit from Santa."

" Lots of fun. Well organised. My kids had a great time. Thank you. "

"Great party very well organised, kids loved it."

"My first one with you guys. Thank you for letting me be a part of it this year."

"Well done to all involved, great party."

Families in Goole

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We asked our companions about the dressing gowns that were bought as gifts with the funding we received. These are 3 of the responses we got from them:

" The dressing gowns provided a real sense of warmth and comfort, just at the time it was needed"

"They are like wearing a nice warm hug!"

"It's so cosy and soft, I wear it all the time!"

For the charity; every penny counts, so without the funding we would not have been able to buy all of our companions these gifts.

Thank you so much.

Emmaus

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The money we received was invaluable and allowed us to put on our best ever children's Christmas parties. We were able to put on two parties. We were able to provide a meal for each child, as well as a present from Santa, cakes, and party games with prizes.

Families in Goole