



## CHRISTMAS PRESENT APPEAL 2020

Each year, we distribute toy and food parcels to people in need across Birmingham and the surrounding areas. Families and individuals are referred to us by support agencies, social workers, health care professions, schools and other similar bodies. Last year we distributed toys to over 1000 children and 450 food parcels and expect to do a similar number again this year, despite the difficulties of the Covid-19 pandemic. The food and toys come from donations from the businesses, groups and members of the general public. These donations are supplemented by supplies that we purchase using monetary donations that are given to the Appeal.

To give an idea of suitable donations, these are the types of gift that we provide:

### Toy Parcels

Rather than a single gift, we try and make up a small Christmas bag for each child, which will vary depending on the age and gender of the child. **We only distribute new, unwrapped items at Christmas.** The ages we cater for are from new born babies to children aged 16 years. On average each parcel costs £15. This generally includes:

- A main Toy costing about £5-£10. Typical items of this nature include board games, Lego, dolls, Barbie, Playmobil, Playdoh, cars, role-play toys, or educational toys. For children aged 13+, we find that wallets, bags, watches, scarves/hats & gloves, sports items (footballs etc), and jewellery are good items.
- A colouring book & pens/pencils/crayon or stationery set (depending on age).
- A reading book.
- A soft toy for young children or toiletries for older children.

### Food Parcels

A typical food parcel will contain:

- Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Tea Bags, Sugar
- Curry Sauce, Bolognese Sauce, Ham, Tuna, Hot Dogs
- Sweetcorn, Tinned New Potatoes, Chopped Tomatoes, Peas, Carrots
- Rice, Pasta, Soup, Spaghetti Hoops, Baked Beans
- Custard, Rice Pudding, Jelly, Tinned Fruit, Evaporated Milk
- Jam, Breakfast Cereal, Mince Pies, Shortbread

We are able to receive donations at our Church in Merton Close, We will adhere to Government guidelines in line with the COVID 19 restrictions. Please make sure you wear a face mask when you are in the building, stay 2 metres apart and use the hand gel provided.

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Alternatively, you may wish to support our Appeal by making a monetary donation through our Just Giving webpage. By making a monetary donation this will enable us to buy the gifts that we need on your behalf.

Our Just Giving page for our Christmas Appeal is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/birmingham-citadel-salvation-army>

Or if you scan in the following QR code, it will take you direct to our Just Giving page:



If you require any other information, please contact us on the number below.

Thank you once again for your support. With your help we can help others enjoy the Christmas Season!

God bless,

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