



COVENTRY CITY MISSION  
Serving God - Serving People in Need



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January 2025

Dear Friend,

I am writing to thank you for the part you played in providing gifts for children in Coventry this Christmas who may not otherwise receive any. Whether you prayed for us, helped with the admin, donated money, donated gifts, gave your time to volunteer, supervised craft activities, arranged for Father Christmas to visit, spread the word, packed up gifts for the families, being a partner location or something else – however you helped please know that we couldn't do it without you!

This year was yet another record-breaking year with us providing gifts for 1589 children from 633 families at a value of over £24,000! Without you we couldn't continue to run this project so thank you.

We had 6 locations that families could collect the gifts from this year and some of these had activities for the children too. When Santa joined the sessions he gave selection boxes to all of the children in addition to the gifts that they would later receive. The families took the gifts home at the end of the session to wrap and hide until Christmas morning.

Here are two of the thank you messages I've received from parents:

*Hi, I would just like to say a massive thank you for the gifts and opportunity for my daughter to see Santa and have the magic that she deserves. I've wrapped the gifts and honestly I cried because it's just so wonderful the help and kindness that has been shown x Thank you and merry Christmas to you all.*

*I trust you are well. I want to specially appreciate you for taking my registration even though it was late. I also appreciate the gifts very very much. Especially the tea toys. She is always hosting a play tea party, she will be extremely pleased with these toys. Thank you very much. God bless you and the entire crew.*

We will be running this project again Christmas 2025 and there will, yet again, be many ways you can be involved. We'll write to you in September with some ideas, however in the meantime please do share the word and if you know of anyone else who would like to be involved, please put us in touch ([sarah@covcitymission.org.uk](mailto:sarah@covcitymission.org.uk)). To continue to meet this level of need we will need to find even more people and churches to support us.

[If you are a church or an organisation where a number of people supported us, please note I will have only sent this one letter, please share it with all relevant people. Thank you.]

Thank you all

Sarah White, Deputy Director

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