

Christmas Gift Appeal 2024

Blaenau Gwent Children's Services



The staff at Blaina ICC would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated to this year's Christmas Appeal. This year, we changed the way we ran our Christmas Appeal and asked members of the public to donate personalised gifts for individual Children based on their own interests.

We were overwhelmed by the generosity of the public and blown away by the time and thought that had gone into the gifts donated. We were also incredibly grateful for the additional toy donations and cash donations we received this year. These generous donations ensure that children's gift bags were full to the brim and we could purchase any gifts for late nominations.

The donations we received this year went on to support some of the most vulnerable families within Blaenau Gwent and as a team; we are so grateful to our local communities and organisations for all their incredible work and generous support.

This year, every child who was nominated received a personalised gift bag, based on their own likes that they had previously shared with their support worker. We also ensured every child received a selection box in their gift bag as well!

In 2024 we managed to support a total of 262 children and young people across the whole county! This number is still a stark reminder of the challenges families in Blaenau

Gwent are facing in this ongoing cost of living crisis.

We would also like to express our gratitude to all the staff from teams within Children's Services who made this appeal possible. Without their hard work, an appeal of this size would not be able to run and we would not be able to support as many families as we currently do.

And finally, we would again like to say a massive **THANK YOU** to everyone who took part in our 2024 Christmas Appeal. Whether you nominated a family; donated to the appeal; sorted the gift bags; or delivered the gifts – you helped to make this year's appeal a huge success!

Check out what some of our families had to say about being part of the appeal:

"Having the Christmas gift for my girls really felt good, they were so happy and ecstatic and we, the parents, are also happy to see our girls very happy and have more toys to play with. Thank you".

"Thank you so much for the toys, they loved them. My husband and children spent all day building and taking it outside to fly and drive. Thank you so much for everything".

"You have no idea how much we appreciate you. You have made a huge difference to me and have a huge place in both our hearts. You are amazing".

"I want to say a massive thank you, on behalf of the kids too for all the help you've given us this year. You've been an absolute life line to me and I feel so lucky to be receiving your help. Have a lush Christmas and I'll see you in the New Year".

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This year, we received a mix of monetary donations, personalised gift bags and toy donations. We want to extend our thanks to all those who donated to our appeal. With special thanks to:

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