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We had a successful period of fundraising prior to, and over, the Christmas period due to the efforts of our ever increasing number of volunteers and supporters. Our most sincere thanks goes to everyone who donated their valuable time, gifts and financial support.

Christmas Donations



During December we had donations of new toys and books, festive food, toiletries, gifts and time from individuals, companies, churches and schools.

Catherine Wain arrived on 17 November with boxes and boxes of new toys and books. Her family had decided not to give each other gifts at Christmas, instead they

purchased toys and books for us to give to our children.

The staff from Alder King came in on a cold December afternoon armed with wrapping paper, tags and mountains of sellotape and wrapped all our presents. Kate McTiffen held a coffee morning in her home for friends, raising £207. Tredworth School staff voted not to send each other Christmas cards, using the money instead to purchase toiletries which they then donated.

We can not emphasise enough the difference that these acts of kindness make to our families, it enables us to give everyone a gift to open on Christmas Day. In many cases these gifts will be all they will have to open on Christmas morning!

Sandhurst & Painswick

A huge thank you must go to the congregation of St Lawrence parish church Sandhurst for maintaining their relentless support to all our activities here at The Family Haven along with the continuing support we receive from the townsfolk of Painswick. The list of individuals is far too extensive to list however I sincerely hope that they know who they are and how much we appreciate their endeavours.

Looking forward to 2012

We are always looking at different and unique ways to raise awareness and funding for the work we undertake. During the coming year we have supporters undertaking the **Three Peaks Challenge**, the **Cheltenham Circular Marathon**, **holding coffee mornings and opening their gardens**. Ideas, suggestions and additional pairs of hands are always welcome. So far volunteers are beginning to pledge their time to helping Santa at Blooms or standing with collecting buckets at Gloucester Quays.

We are always looking for help at these and other events so if you feel you can support us please email carole@thefamilyhaven.com. We are intending to repeat the success of the wine tasting evening held at Majestic Wine Warehouse last year, and are hopeful of arranging an Auction of Promises in the late summer. Look out for further details.

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► **Blooms Santa's Grotto**

Over 70 volunteers supported this years fundraising initiative, raising in excess of £7800. A enormous thank you to all of you that helped. Thankfully we did not suffer from the below freezing temperatures of the previous year, so Santa was kept very busy!

A Belated Welcome



Many of you will have already met our new trustee Sylvia Odell, who joins us as the trustee with responsibility for our Fundraising Events.

► **Rotary, Roundtable and Lions**

A huge thank you must go to all the Gloucester Rotary Clubs, Roundtable and Lions groups who support us in so many ways throughout the year but especially over the festive period. Members from Gloucester Quays Rotary attended our Wine Tasting evening and donated toys towards our appeal, Gloucester Severn Rotary provided many volunteers to help at Blooms, while Gloucester Lions donated festive food for our parties.



► **Thank you Gloucester Quays**

We are very fortunate to have been selected at Gloucester Quays charity of the year. Their support includes giving us tickets to enable the nursery children to meet famous characters, opportunities to collect at their ever growing list of events, and donating a Cadburys advent calendar to every child prior to 1st December



► **The Children meet Peppa Pig**

August 10th 2011 - The children, family and Nursery Staff enjoyed a visit to the Gloucester Quays where the children were overly excited to meet Peppa Pig. Special thanks to Gloucester Quays for donating the tickets and to Pizza Express for providing the pizzas

Good Luck & Farewell!



We say goodbye to Gill Saunders who was made redundant after eleven years working as Deputy Manager in the office. She left us on 1st December, 2011. Gill is surely missed by all staff members and our families who attend the Family Haven. We would like to wish her good luck with her future plans.



We say goodbye to our nursery nurse Charlene who has left us in January 2012 to await the birth of her first child. Take care Charlene we are missing you already and your delicious cakes.

Welcome Back



We welcome back our outreach nursery nurse Lucy who has come back after been on maternity leave.