

# Christmas Gift Appeal 2021

## Blaenau Gwent Children's Services



We wanted to take this opportunity to share with you just how incredible our annual Christmas Gift Appeal was for 2021.

We are extremely grateful for all of the wonderful donations we received, which helped to support some of the most vulnerable families within our local communities. This year each child or young person nominated received a bag of toys, gifts and a selection box.

The generosity of the individuals in our communities, companies and organisations

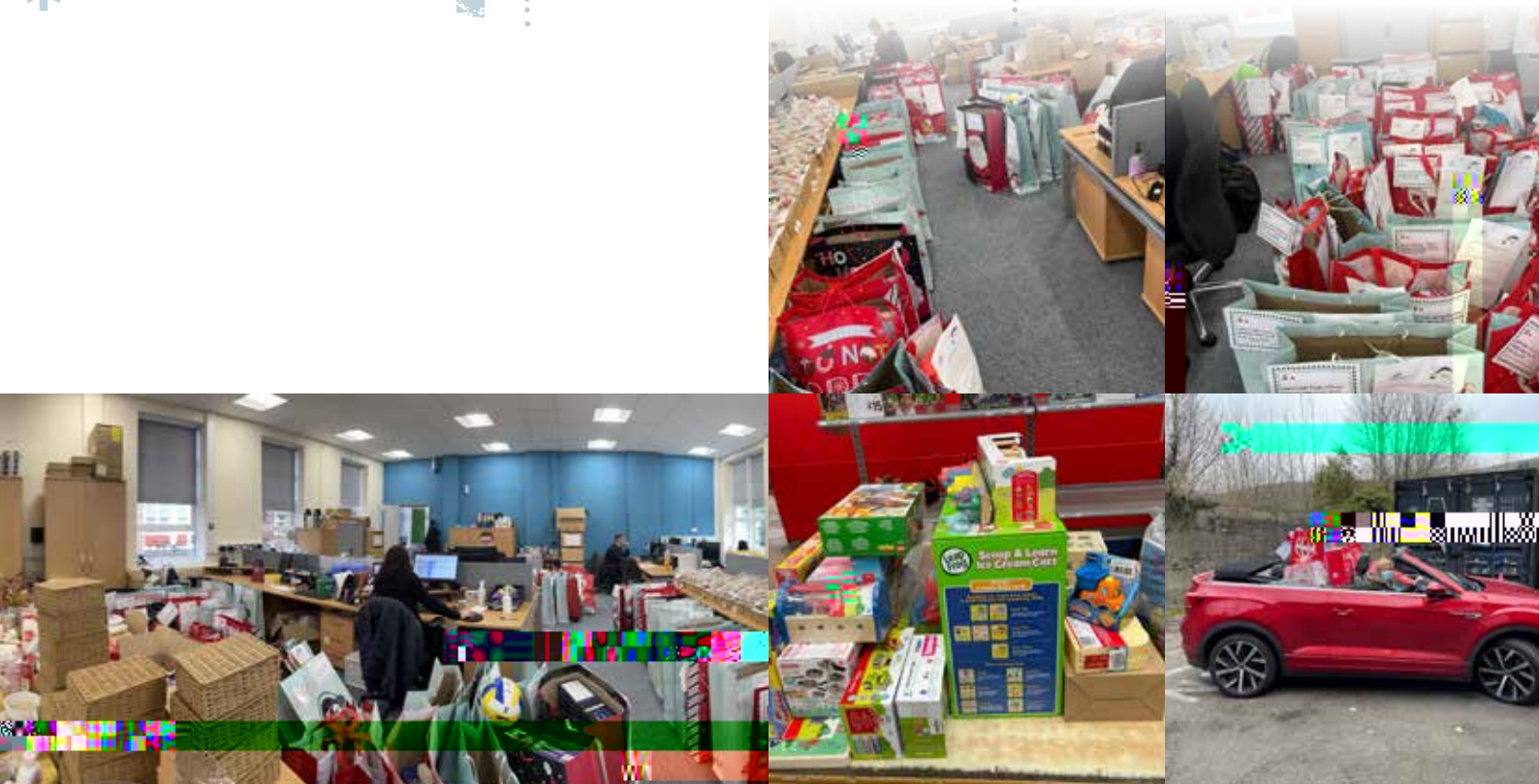
within and outside of Blaenau Gwent is unprecedented. The appeal went to another level again this year, with 390 children and young people being nominated from a range of teams, services, schools and organisations across Blaenau Gwent.

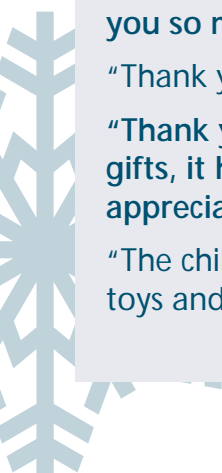
Co-ordinating such a large appeal has its challenges and we have to pay enormous credit to the all of the staff from teams within Children's Services and other local organisations that work hard to ensure families get the support that they need at this time of year.

Once again thank you to everyone who made the 2021 Christmas Gift Appeal another huge success.

The feedback we have received from families is amazing! Below are some of the messages we have received from families who were supported via this appeal.

Best Wishes to you all for 2022!





**“Wow all of these are for my children, are you sure? This is more than I have been able to buy them”.**

“Thank you so much for making our Christmas so special, this is amazing, she will be so pleased”.

**“I just cannot believe you are giving me these gifts for my children, I have struggled so much, thank you”.**

“The girls loved their presents thank you”.

**“We will now have a good Christmas. Thank you so much”.**

“Thank you this is amazing”.

**“Thank you all so much for the Christmas gifts, it helped me so much and I really appreciate it”.**

“The children were delighted with their sack of toys and as a family we appreciated them”.

**“The toy appeal has really helped me give my children the Xmas they deserve”.**

“The toys have helped us out financially and the children were very happy with what they received”.

**“OMG I just can’t believe how much you have given us (Stood with hands over mouth crying) I am so so grateful. Thank you so much for this - you have no idea how much this means to us”.**

“Wow, Thank you so much!!! We were able to get one or two things but that was all that we could afford this year so this is just amazing”.

**“This is so kind - thank you so much”.**

“I am so grateful that we have this support. We



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Blaenau Gwent Children's Services expresses gratitude to all those who kindly donated to the Christmas Gift Appeal of 2021.

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