

Mr David Ward Ward Personnel Unit 4 Portside Marina Commercial Park Central Park Road Cork Co Cork

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Dear David,

On behalf of the children and families we work with, my colleagues and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ward Personnel for the very generous donation of €2,000 made to Barnardos this year.

Thank you once again for supporting Barnardos to help vulnerable children and families across Ireland have a Happy Christmas & New Year.

Last year we supported over 26,000 children and families across Ireland. Barnardos' 56 services nationwide help those affected by traumatic life events such as the impact of poverty, abuse, bereavement, poor parental mental health and addiction. **The numbers we supported in 2023 was a 25% on the previous year.** Families are struggling more than ever.

Right now, there are **2,000 children and families on our waiting list** in need of support. It breaks our hearts to not be able to support those who need us most. But we continue to invest in our services and provide crucial support to as many families as we can.

Childhood is short, yet the adverse childhood experiences we have shape the adults we become....Because Childhood Lasts a Lifetime. Many thanks for your incredible support, we so appreciate your kind and generous donation. You are making a difference to thousands of children's lives this year by helping them make happy memories – with family Christmas dinner and presents under the tree for their families this Christmas.

Best wishes,

Michelle Florence

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