

WE ALSO HELP THE CHILDREN ON OUR SCHEME IN OTHER WAYS:

Each disadvantaged child of a seafarer on our Family Support Scheme will receive:

School Uniform Grant

This is given in August to provide each child with a new school uniform to return to school in. This goes some way to helping each child feel equal amongst their school friends and increases their confidence and self esteem in comparison to returning in second hand clothes.

Child Welfare Grant

Each child receives a monthly Welfare Grant to help with everyday children's expenses and allow children to continue with sporting/music lessons during those difficult times. However in the current economic climate our families often use this grant for balanced meals and heating.

Christmas Grant

The Trustees of the Society give each child a small grant at Christmas to ensure no one is forgotten at this special time of year.

Caravan Holiday

Each family is offered the opportunity of a caravan holiday at one of the nine caravans the Society owns throughout the United Kingdom. We always give priority to our new families as it gives them the chance to bond and spend time together away from the stresses of the usual home environment. All our children get the chance to make new friends and try new activities whilst on holiday.

Family Visitor Programme

When a family needs more support than purely financial, we help in a number of ways from spending time just listening to providing links to other specialist organisations or accompanying parents to those hard to face meetings.

Did you know ?

As an 'island nation' the UK has always been dependent on seafarers. Our ports industry is the largest in Europe employing around 70,000 people whose jobs depend on vital seaborne imports and exports.

More than 95% of UK imports are carried by ship.



Supporting children from Royal Navy, Merchant Navy, Fishing Fleets, Oil Rigs and Cruise Ships for nearly 200 years.



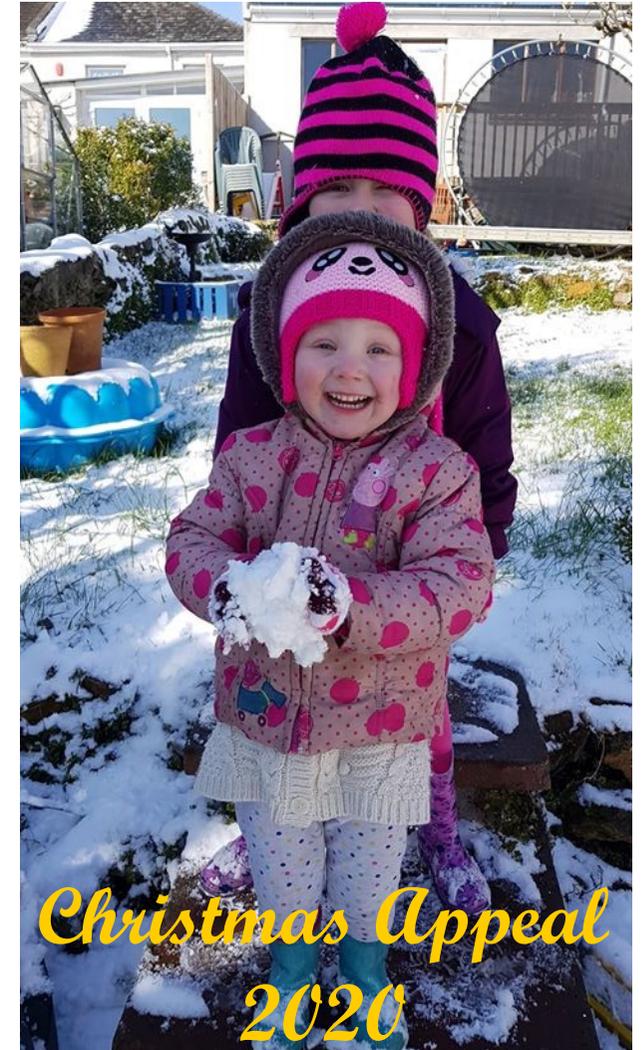
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Dear Supporter

This year has certainly been challenging for everyone. Since the start of COVID19 lockdown here at the Society we have been working from the safety of our own homes and being fully operational providing assistance to those seafaring families in need. Volume wise the Society has been inundated with work, predominantly in 3 main phases;

When the schools closed, a great many of our families contacted us regarding help with a home computer in order for the children to still access education. To date we have supplied over 140 home computers directly into the families homes.

Also to our existing families who already live in poverty, Trustees authorised an additional grant of £10 per week per child for the additional food and heating costs for the children whilst off school.

When the Fish Markets closed a great many fishing families were suddenly hit with their entire weekly income being eliminated. We have worked in conjunction with other maritime charities to assist these families in the short term to help provide food and heating for the children, until either Universal credit claims were processed or the Fish Markets opened again.

Due to COVID19 regulations on crowd control and for the safety of all our guests we had to cancel both fundraising events this year. The Golf Am Am and Sportsman's Lunch raise over £55,000 for the Society each year which makes this year's Christmas Appeal even more important to us.

All donations from this Appeal will go directly to the Winter Clothing grant of £55 per child to provide a warm winter coat and sturdy shoes for 500+ disadvantaged children we support. If parents shop wisely, there may also be money left to buy a hat, gloves, scarf and wellington boots. The majority of our families do not have a car, all journeys are by public transport or on foot.

With very best wishes to you and your family in these challenging times, stay safe.

**WITH VERY BEST WISHES FOR
THE FESTIVE SEASON**

WE THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO READ A COUPLE OF MESSAGES WE HAVE RECEIVED:

good morning. I would like to say a massive thank you for all your help and support. we are overwhelmed by the receipt of the computer xx now the boys can do their school work easily xx thank you again.



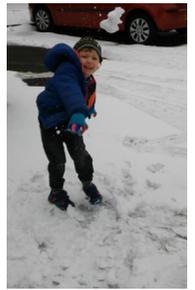
"I wouldn't have been able to be in the place I am today without all of your help and support. You have been amazing in helping me and my children creating a new life. Thank you so much"



"Thank you for the ongoing support, you really do make a difference to our lives, the children can enjoy their activities as they receive their grants and know that mum isn't struggling to pay"

"I don't know how I would have managed were it not for the help we have received, which was always kind, professional and fair to all but never once made me feel bad about having their help/guilty for accepting it either, it didn't feel like charity it felt like having a friend"

I want to help the Sailors' Children's Society 2020 Christmas Appeal



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