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Dear Alex and all the team at Hettle Andrews

We would like to say the biggest thank you to you all for the very kind donation of buddy bags that you created and brought for the children at The Haven – we are so grateful of your continued care and support.

Many of those we support have to flee their homes at a moment's notice, leaving their personal possessions behind; for children this also means leaving behind their toys and home comforts. When women and their children first arrive, they can be feeling frightened and uncertain about what the future holds, so it is important to us that our refuges are warm, welcoming and feel like home. Your kind donation of buddy bags will help children to feel more at ease in their new surroundings, it will give them a book to read to take their minds away from the situation they find themselves in due to no fault of their own or a teddy bear for them to snuggle up to as they rest their weary heads after a difficult day – thank you.

Thank you so much for the thought and effort that has gone into putting together these lovely buddy bags. The items that go into each bag are so considerate and it is really kind of you to create bags for a range of different ages, meaning we have a buddy bag for each child that comes to stay with us. Over Christmas and into January your buddy bags will continue to be a welcoming site to the children we support, giving them hope for the future and giving them something that they can call their own – thank you all so much.

On behalf of all staff, volunteers, and most importantly, women and children at The Haven, we would like to once again say thank you for your continued support – it is thanks to people like you that we can continue to help women and their children to live a safe and happy life free from the fear of abuse.

Yours sincerely



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