



Catholic
Children's
Society

Bring comfort
to a child in
crisis this
Christmas

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sleepless nights of worrying"*



How you helped Ellie

Recently your support helped four-year-old Ellie, who was so cold that she struggled to sleep at night.

Ellie's family have faced many difficulties this year. A few months ago Ellie's dad sadly died of cancer, leaving behind his wife and young daughter. At the same time, Ellie was diagnosed with a long-term lung condition which affects her breathing. Ellie's mum was then made redundant and had to find three part-time jobs to make ends meet.

The family were just about getting by when their boiler broke in October. They had no money to pay for the boiler to be repaired so the family lived with no heating or hot water.

Ellie's teacher noticed that she was always tired and looked as though she had not washed in weeks.

When the school asked her mum what was happening, she broke down in tears.

Ellie's mum explained that she did not want her daughter to wash in cold water and risk her lung condition becoming worse. Even though at night she was wrapping Ellie in blankets, she still could not sleep and her breathing was getting worse. Knowing that the temperature would continue to drop over the winter months, Ellie's mum was desperate to repair the boiler but did not know where to turn.

The Headteacher contacted the Catholic Children's Society (CCS) and we were able to use our Crisis Fund to pay for the boiler repairs. Within two days, the family had hot water and heating again.



Ellie's mum wrote to CCS to say:

"The last few months have been the very worst time in my life due to my daughter's ill health, losing my husband to cancer and recently being made redundant. Then my boiler broke and it felt like the last straw."

"Thank you for taking away the sleepless nights of worrying. This help means the world to me and gives me so much more hope for the future."

How you can help

Your donation could bring comfort to a child like Ellie and keep them warm this winter.

£15 could provide a child with a hat, scarf and gloves set

£25 could provide a child with a warm coat

£50 could provide a child with a complete warm duvet set and blanket

£100 could help a family to heat their home for a month

£500 could help a family heat their home throughout winter

More children need your support

This winter, many vulnerable children and families are facing severe hardship due to rising energy prices and living costs.

We would be so grateful if you could make a donation to support these families through the cold winter months.

Your prayers for our work are greatly appreciated.





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