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Dear Laila,

I wanted to write and thank you for the incredibly generous donation of £900 we recently received. The friendship of people like you has brought so much hope into the lives of very vulnerable children.

It's shocking to think that annually in Britain there are 1.5 million children being maltreated and a further 1.1 million children living with parents whose substance abuse is causing havoc. However we are very lucky to see everyday how kindness can be transformative in the lives of abused children. Often they fear and simultaneously love the parent who is harming them; their capacity for forgiveness and reparation is the inspiration that keeps us all going. Our commitment to these children can only translate into practical solutions because of special people like you.

This week we cleaned and decorated the bedrooms of two little boys, buying them the Thomas the Tank Engine duvet covers they had requested. The house was in such a dirty and dangerous state that it took us days to clean it. Our volunteers were in tears at the thought that such young children lived in these conditions. The children's mother had herself had a very difficult childhood and consequently struggled with depression which had paralysed her. Using donations we did up the house, bought the children clothes and got the mother to a psychiatrist as well as offering her therapy. When the children saw their duvet covers their joy was electric and full of pathos.

I wanted you to know that your donations will allow us to provide essential practical support for our children, and for that we are all deeply grateful. Your camaraderie is priceless!

With kind regards,

Camila Batmanghelidjh
Chief Executive
Kids Company

