

Help give children the joy of Christmas



All around the country families are looking forward to Christmas as a special time with loved ones, spent cooking and eating delicious food, playing board games and opening beautifully wrapped gifts.

But for women and children affected by domestic violence, it can be a scary and stressful time of year.

Those in abusive relationships face spending more time at home with their perpetrator, where increased financial pressures and alcohol consumption add to the chances of, and fear of, violent outbursts. Other women and children who have fled their homes face the prospect of spending Christmas alone with no familiar faces and very little money for presents or food.

Children affected by domestic violence are also surrounded by painful reminders of what Christmas should be like, with images of happy families in the media and classmates talking about all the fun they had and presents they were given on their Christmas holidays.

For the children we see in DVIP's Children's Therapy Service, the knowledge that they will be returning for more play sessions after the Christmas break is incredibly important and reassuring to them.

Help us make their return to our therapy rooms feel like Christmas!

Our #BeAChildAgain campaign has raised over £600 towards exciting new and inclusive toys and creative materials for these children to play and express themselves with.

Please help us reach our goal of £2000 by [donating here](#), and share what your favourite childhood toy was using the hashtag [#beachildagain](#) on twitter.

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