

### **The Lomax Family**

Today my children are excited. Really excited, and as a parent it's the first time I've seen this in quite some time. When you have a child with additional needs, life takes on a new normality. A normality very different to other people. My older children have lost a lot of traditions over these short years Danny has been with us. Christmas became extremely muted for many reasons.

The support for our children is dire, it really is. The waiting lists are ridiculously long for therapy, equipment, education.... and as a parent you are left feeling lost and helpless. The job you do in supporting is, is so vital, it really is.

Danny's sensory equipment we received from you during lockdown, has given Danny the tools to regulate his overwhelming feelings.

Since your phone call we have put up some decorations inside the house. And it's been met with glee from Danny, not anxiety as expected. Fear of meltdowns meant we didn't explore his boundaries. We stayed safe!

Your phone call just gave us some magic, some magic that's been missing in our house. Regardless of what is received tonight by my children, I just want you all to know, that the efforts you have gone to by just arranging this, has made such a difference to our family this year.

I've spent 4 years caring, it isn't often I can say I'm parenting. Today I don't feel like a carer. I feel like a mum waiting to pick their child up from school, to have the most exciting Christmas treat ever. This feeling is priceless.

I have three amazing children, and I want to thank your sponsors from the bottom of my heart, for giving them the most magical Christmas gift they've ever had!

These moments make the difference to how my children remember their childhood for the rest of their life. For many reasons 2020 will be forgotten by no-one. For my family we will take remember it for very different reasons.

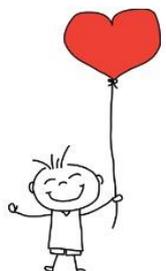
Merry Christmas to the charity, and to the sponsors.

An extremely grateful family x

### **Signpost & The Wharton Family**

In the days to come before Christmas the Wharton family have lots of big changes, house move, changing schools and the uncertainty of living in a new area. This is not to mention the financial worries and quite a long list of ongoing concerns. So I would just like to say a massive thank you for making such a memorable moment for the Wharton family last night. I think it will be a night for them to look back on and smile.

Your job makes my job a little easier too, as by referring to yourself the family can see that at Signpost we really do believe in them!



### **The Howden Family**

Now I've stopped crying omg I can't thank you girls enough we are totally overwhelmed by it all I really want expecting that much! Thank you all so very much you've made our Christmas merry Christmas to you all xxx

### **The Huskins Family**

We don't know how to thank you for everything you've gifted to our family. You've not only made our Christmas but brought so much happiness into our house after the stress and struggles this year.

I'm sorry you weren't able to chat to Declan, he's had a tough day has they were a lot of changes at school today and was very overwhelmed.

Matthew was so happy with his theatre token. He can't wait to see a show. Declan has looked at his presents but hasn't opened any has yet. He can't wait to 'bounce' on his new trampoline.

I've attached a few photos like you asked and when Declan opens his gifts I will make sure I take plenty more and send them to you.

A simple Thank You doesn't seem worthy for what you've done.

Thank You

### **The Hird Family**

We would just like to say a massive, massive thank you for making our Christmas extra, extra special this year...we are overwhelmed with our gifts and it was lovely to meet the lady's who arrived at our home and made sure our Christmas is complete...you're are all amazing absolutely beautiful people. I'd like to thank everyone who has made our Christmas complete this year with gifts and beautiful food hampers and the best Christmas tree we've ever had, also our new table that's going to make our Christmas day dinner the 1<sup>st</sup> time we have actually been able to sit together as a family....

Thank you, thank you, thank you

Have a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you for everything you've done

