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SS Simon and Jude

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To the staff, students and parents of SS Simon and Jude

I would like to thank you for the kind donation of selection boxes for the resident families in our Refuge at Lewis House and those accessing services through the Outreach Support Centre.

As you are aware, Fortalice provides a diverse range of front line services for victims of domestic abuse including 22 flats in the Refuge for women and children. The demand for the services remains high and donations such as yours helped us to make this special time of year a more pleasant one, in what is often a difficult time for the residents and their children.

Due to the generosity of people like yourselves, all the mums, children and young people in the Refuge received gifts on Christmas morning. We were also able to support a number of families that had recently left the Refuge and were struggling to make ends meet, whilst adapting to their new environment. The women are always grateful for any donations that helps assist them in providing for their families.

After the Christmas celebrations, one resident said "I was overwhelmed by the Christmas presents I received. I myself don't tend to get presents, but their year I received some from my children thanks to the people who donated them. The Christmas party was a great day for all and gave us the chance to forget and relax and have fun with the kids. The visit to Father Christmas was a fantastic experience and made the children so happy. Thank you so much for making our Christmas the best we have had".

Please accept our best wishes for a happy and prosperous year in 2020 from all at Fortalice and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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