



# KIDSCOMPANY

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Dear Robin,

I wanted to write and thank you from the bottom of my heart for organising the amazing concert at Southwark Cathedral. Your generosity and support are deeply appreciated by all of us here at Kids Company.

This year more than 2000 young people spent Christmas Day at one of the south London schools we work in. With the help of our volunteers, the school was turned into an amazing Christmas grotto. We provided dinner, the children played games and fancy-dress and all of them were given a personalised bag of gifts.

One of the children there recently had to call the emergency services at 1am because his mother, who is his sole relative, attempted suicide yet again. He had incredible presence of mind to alert the emergency services, and they were astounded by his composure on the phone. His second call was to his therapeutic worker, and it wasn't until she arrived at the scene that he was able to break down and cry. For him, the Kids Company worker brought safety to the chaos he was having to deal with, and he knew that he could afford to be a child in her presence.

The mother was taken to A&E, and the child was looked after by the keyworker in his house that evening. He still lives with the dread of another attempted suicide by his mother, but he also has the security of knowing that the Kids Company worker will be there when he really needs it.

Our ability to offer unrelenting love in very difficult circumstances has been sustained by compassionate people like you. Thank you for remaining such meaningful friends in the lives of our vulnerable children. Many go on, despite these challenges, to achieve. Your generosity also gifts them hope.

I wish you a Happy New Year, and end this letter with a profound sense of gratitude words will rarely be able to capture.

With kind regards,

  
Camila Batmanghelidjh  
Chief Executive  
Kids Company