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Despite the Joint Charities Christmas Hampers most of the requests during December were for food, baby milk and nappies with only a few for clothes and shoes. We also paid for 2 months Music Therapy Sessions for a severely disabled young girl who has developed breathing problems.

Whilst all the food and the venue for the Christmas Party at the Normandie Hotel is kindly donated by Robyn Lapidus, we paid for the young magician who came along to entertain and the Santa gifts and selection boxes for the children.

The totals for the month were 10 families with 23 children amounting to £1,570. 62. and the totals for the financial year to date are 44 families with 88 children amounting to £6,729. 07.

As we look forward to 2016, due to the reduction in single parent Income Support, I am sure that it is inevitable that there will be an increase in the amount of requests for food, clothes, shoes and day to day baby equipment. Variety is unique in Jersey as far as individual help with school uniforms, shoes and out of hours school activities are concerned, ensuring that as far as possible every child has the same opportunities as their classmates. This aspect of our help cannot be underestimated and is very important for every child's self esteem. Virtually all of the children we help have many social and emotional problems and one thing is for sure it is through no fault of their own.

May I thank the Chief Barker, the Crew and the Ladies for their support. I do regard it a privilege to be entrusted with this vital aspect of Variety.

Jeanette Pinel
Variety at Work