



## Variety - the Children's Charity of Jersey

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## Variety at Work Report February 2018

February was a particularly busy month with the usual requests for food, milk, nappies and clothes including uniforms and shoes. Via the Health Visitors we received two requests for cot beds and bedding as well as a double buggy and a stair gate for a single parent Mum with four children under the age of 5. We provided two single beds with new mattresses and headboards for two boys who were sleeping on a mattress on the floor. We have paid towards three school trips for children from very low income families who would not be able to join their classmates without our help.

The totals for this month were 24 families with 62 children amounting to £2,929. 48 and the totals for the financial year to date are 110 families with 241 children amounting to £11,700. 61.

I am sure that everyone was as shocked and saddened as I was to hear that some children are going to school hungry and without their own uniform and a good fitting pair of shoes. I contacted all the Primary School Headteachers to remind them that, whilst each case is dealt with individually on a daily basis, they can download our request forms and help parents to submit them. I also took the opportunity to meet one headteacher from one of the schools which we have a lot of dealings with and there is no doubt, the sad fact is that some children are slipping through the net. The most likely reason is that the parents are not aware of Variety and their command of English means they would need help completing our simple form.

I sincerely hope that every Barker and Lady Member will agree with me that we must make every effort to ensure that we can and will meet the needs of these children. Surely we can ensure that each child has uniform and shoes. To this end we will all have to resolve to make every effort to raise further funds to meet these needs. As members we all need to attend lunches, which are the bread and butter of our fundraising. We also need to resolve to support all of our fundraising efforts in whichever way we can. Besides donating any amount large or small, giving time to helping to organize fundraising is always an extremely valuable contribution and costs nothing. Please think how you can help, heavens knows the children need it.

On a brighter note:-

### Children's Anniversary Party.

As the RJ&HS venue has had to be postponed, the party will be held at the Hotel Ambassadeur on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July from 12.30 to 3.0 p.m. Lummy, Mrs Muddles, Finleigh, face painters, and of course lovely party food with jelly and ice cream plus going home presents are organized.

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