



Variety, the Children's Charity

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Whilst there were still requests for uniform and shoes, there was a greater number of requests for food, milk and nappies. This is common every September where families on a low income have had the extra expense of uniforms and shoes which leaves them short for the essential day to day needs.

During the month we also paid for baby equipment a sterilizer and such like for a single parent with a new baby. We paid for curtain poles and curtains for the children's bedroom for a Mum who was being rehoused from the Refuge. We also bought a special mattress cover, a large support pillow and pillow cases for a severely disabled boy. This family who have two very severely disabled children have been known to Variety since the children were born. I have also agreed and arranged that we will pay for weekly music therapy sessions for the elder child.

The totals for the month were 17 families with 35 children amounting to £1,336.14. and the totals for the year to date are £30,863. 05.

We have been offered the opportunity to take 50 children to the Christmas Wonderland which will be coming to the Island on 25th November and invitations will be going out along with the Christmas Party invitations which will be on the 4th December at 6.30. at the Hotel de Normandie.

With regard to the proposition by Social Security to phase out the £40. per week single parent allowance, we wrote to Deputy Pinel and have met with her and Senator Maclean to express our concerns that this will undoubtedly cause greater hardship for very low income families. I have no doubt that this will in turn mean an increase in the number of requests for help.

Jeanette Pinel
Variety at Work.

