



St Vincent's

a place of help, hope and opportunity

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# Newsletter

**GIVE**

**a Gift  
from the  
Heart**

**This  
Christmas**



**Christmas is always a busy time at St Vincent Support Centre, and for the many families in Leeds struggling with poverty, it can be a particularly difficult time of year. At St Vincent's we work with vulnerable people across the Leeds area to ensure that no one is alone at Christmas and that people struggling with poverty through the winter months receive the help and support they need. While you celebrate Christmas this year, why not give a special gift that makes a real difference?**

Buying an alternative gift from St Vincent's will help the centre to change more lives and provide help, hope and opportunity to families across Leeds. This Christmas our catalogue has gifts covering the wide range of services St Vincent's provides; with gifts ranging from £5 to £100 there is something for every budget and to suit every personality!



**Look out for the hearts throughout the newsletter to see the big difference you can make**

St Vincent's supporters Mary and her husband bought gifts in our catalogue pilot scheme last year, she says: "Our friends and relatives were very pleased to be part of a scheme to help local people with whom they could identify and empathise. And the alternative gifts were a great time-saver for us!"

### Corporate gift ideas

St Vincent's gifts from the heart also make ideal corporate gifts for businesses looking for gifts or Christmas cards for clients or employees. Ros McMullen, principal of David Young Community Academy in Seacroft, bought gifts for staff at the school:

"Every year I buy colleagues the nice-to-have luxuries for Christmas that I know they don't need and hope they will like. Last Christmas I saw the St Vincent's catalogue and knew instantly that I had found something they would all like – the gift of presents for children who might otherwise receive none. I think these were the most appreciated presents the senior team at DYCA had ever received from me, and I am looking forward to this year's St Vincent's Christmas catalogue."

The money spent on the gift will go directly to helping local people in real need; the recipient will receive a gift card explaining the gift and the difference that it will make to local families. Simply choose a gift from the catalogue, write a personalised message and we will send the gift card directly to the recipient. Or you can have the gift card delivered to you to write your own message.

**For more information or to get a copy of the catalogue, please call Caitlin on 0113 248 4126.**

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**Please donate today by texting SVSC12 followed by your amount to 70070 (e.g. SVSC12 £5).**

**IT'S A FACT!**  
The ingredients for a healthy meal made in cooking class cost less than a 2nd class stamp!