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Dear David

On behalf of Coventry Foodbank, we would like to thank, Alvis Owner Club for your very generous donation of £2,500 towards our work. We are incredibly grateful. With such donations, we can offer support to many people in Coventry. We have been overwhelmed with the level of support from many individuals, companies, charities, organisations and businesses at this difficult time.

In 2019, we fed over 28,500 people, of which over 11,200 were children and young people under the age of 25. This was a significant increase from our figures from 2018. In addition to providing people with food assistance, we operate "Fuelbank" (gas and electricity support for those on prepayment meters). We made 2,500 Fuelbank applications last year, with the top ups worth over £100,000. We continue to work with over 350 front line agencies including the NHS, City Council, Primary Schools and Social Services. Since the Covid-19 outbreak we have seen substantial increases in people using our service with over 8,000 people assisted since the start of April. Our current expectation is to feed 50,000 people this year.

We launched "Resilience" (advice service in partnership with Coventry Citizens Advice), at five foodbank locations giving people access to trained advisors at foodbank centres, to date this has helped raise over £500,000 in financial gain since starting. Sadly, we have had to stop this project whilst we are in lockdown.

There is still much to be done, Covid-19 has caused major hardship for many families in Coventry. We are seeing more and more people simply unable to make ends meet due to being furloughed, lack of working hours and low levels of pay. Most worrying is the long-term impact of Covid-19 on the most vulnerable in our society once we move beyond lockdown.

Thank you once again for your generosity and ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Regards

Project Manager

Coventry Foodbank