

Dear friends,

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We hope the DFN newsletter finds you well.

We would like to apologise for the delay in sending it out, it has been a busy time but we truly appreciate your ongoing support in helping us to show love and bring hope to the beneficiaries.

We look forward to continuing to make a difference in the months ahead!

## Celebration!

DFN held their Christmas celebration in the Cathedral compound on 20<sup>th</sup> December. All beneficiaries, Bishop Thandrigaru, the Rt. Rev. Dr. K. Padma Rao Garu, Bishop Thalligaru, and local pastors were in attendance.

Breakfast was served with tea and a Christmas service with hymns, readings, and a Christmas message followed. Bishop Thalligaru then distributed cards and gifts of new clothing.

A meal of fried rice with chicken curry and curds was served for dinner and the beneficiaries are said to have had 'Christmas happiness in their hearts.'

On behalf of the beneficiaries Miss G. Kantha and Anil Krupaker send 'love and heartfelt thanks' for the 'great support' and they pray that 'God grants us all good health.'

## Gratitude.....

For the commitment of regular donors, whose support allows us to continue with the fund and to plan.

To Sylvia Gardiner for growing Geraniums for another year and to King Edwards School, Edgbaston for purchasing them.

Liz Ross for continuing with the maintenance of the DFN website which can be found at <http://dornakalfundforthe needy.org>

Sylvia who also organised a quiz night and to Joy and Andrew Sayer for producing and hosting a wonderful event.



To St Philip's Church for their kindness and support in allowing us a complimentary table at their Christmas event.

For Pam and Jeff Roberts for producing Wood Turning items for sale.

Margaret Blake for assisting in the set-up of the craft stall and her ongoing contributions and support with the fund.



To all those who have given their time, monetary donations, attended the quiz night, bought raffle tickets, donated materials, contributed handmade items for sale or purchased craft items from our stall; DFN really does depend on your generosity!

## Plans for 2025

Producing handmade items for sale at future craft stalls is ongoing, your contributions of both materials and finished items is very much appreciated.

We hope to have a presence at community events this year, our attendance is however yet to be confirmed.

We would love to hear from you if you have any fundraising ideas or are interested in hosting an event in support of DFN.

## Best wishes!

On behalf of trustees Carol and Janet, though late I would like to send you our warmest wishes for 2025, we hope it is filled with happiness, health, and hope.

Gemma x

