

TFN Impact Report

Name of your Organisation:	Small Acts of Kindness
Date of TFN event which you pitched at?	13/09/2019
Name of the project TFN funded:	Warm in Winter practical gift bags for older people
Were you able to undertake your project as you outlined in the application?	Yes
Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?	<p>The best people to tell you what specific impact this funding had are some of the older people who received a Warm in Winter gift bag. We received many feedback cards back from gift bag recipients and they told us that they:</p> <p>Are warmer in their homes "I am overwhelmed I managed but the last few years I have sat freezing or gone to bed early because I can't afford to heat my home. You are angels" "Wrap, gloves etc saves me turning heating up." "Thank you for your kind gift the blanket hat and gloves are excellent and extremely warm. As heating is so expensive they are appreciated. Thank you." "The lovely soft fleece blanket is keeping the draughts from my knees as I write."</p> <p>Feel less lonely and isolated "It's easy to feel lonely and "forgotten" as you get older and this lovely gift shows there are people out there who care." "Thank you all. It gave me a little uplift." "Not alone." "Not forgotten" "Happy and less lonely"</p> <p>Have an increased sense of wellbeing "Made me feel wanted, lifted my spirits." "The bright red blanket cheers me up every time I use it (which is often) and I can't help but smile." "Like a child opening a Christmas stocking! It brought a smile to my face and made me realise that there are lots of kind people around." "I am lucky to say that the gift had more of the emotional than the practical impact."</p> <p>Feel more connected to their community "Very happy a very pleasant surprise! Once again I felt I was part of the community." "Very good, it proves that I am not forgotten." "Wanted - nice to know there are thoughtful people out there doing something for the community." "That someone cared. Being a carer is very isolating."</p>
What portion of the project did TFN fund?	100%
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	300

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How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	Unknown
Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	No
If yes, how much were you able to raise and from whom?	N/A
Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?	Yes
If yes, can you provide details on the support you received.	Several people came forward to volunteer to help us with our projects
How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives?	We would have found it difficult to achieve our objectives without TFN funding
Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?	No
Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?	We really enjoyed being part of the TFN process. It made us think more closely about what we do and how to present it to others. The support that we received along the way was invaluable and we would like to thank everyone who helped us and supported us.
Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of the project?	The quotes in the section above give an insight into how much the project is valued by the people who received a Warm in Winter gift bag