DY10 HBG Big Local Covid-19 funding to Home-Start Wyre Forest April 2020

We began this project with the purchase of stock for our families and first deliveries were made 20th April 2020. Over the first two days the team delivered packages to 98 families who have support from the Scheme.

Each pack included a Foodbank Recipe Book and flyer (provided by Beth) and a handmade card by Vander, which the team were able to write a very personal message to each family in.

Stock purchases – example below



Vander's beautiful cards



Each parcel included printed out sheets on ideas of activities, anger control techniques and information/activity sheets. These will be different each week.

The parcel contains a gift/activity for each child and a treat for each parent.

Example package for couple and four children:



Example package for single mum with three children:



Within hours of delivering the packages we had been swamped with calls, facebook messages and emails from the families similar to the one below:

"Thank you so much for our little package! Honestly made my day! The kids loved there sticker books and has really gave me a pick up. Woke up feeling lonely and missing my family like mad but it really has lifted my spirits! Stay safe everyone xxx"

One single Dad had a 40 minute conversation on the doorstep (observing social distancing rules) as we were the only conversation he had had with an adult all week. We were able to spend a further half an hour with a Mum who is burying a family member tomorrow.

You have enabled us to work together to do an amazing thing and the hope that by funding this kind of work will reduce isolation for families in the community and let them know people are thinking about them is working fantastically. We will continue delivering each week for the next 11 weeks.

With our thanks to the Partnership for their support.

Best wishes

Belinda Darby and all at HSWF





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