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12<sup>th</sup> Decemeber 2016.

Dear Mrs Jary,

I am the manager of The Children's Society in Teal Farm Village which is two and a half miles away from your school. We are currently recruiting volunteers for the shop and were wondering if you could mention this to the parents/guardians. We aim to help children aged 10-17 years of age who may be at risk due to Sexual exploitation,homelessness, substance missus, mental health issues and issues related to being in the care system. We have projects in the local area such as SCARPA and SMART who support children at risk due to running away from home or are refugees and asylum seekers which are both based in Newcastle.

To continue the brilliant work we need to raise funds such as those raised from our shop and Christingle's. Volunteering in store can help volunteers who may otherwise be lonely especially at this time of year. Volunteers make new friends, get a sense of contributing, it can help them gain confidence and also can give them the opportunity to gain a nationally recognized qualification. We are aware that there are sometimes barriers that may off put potential volunteers such as the amount of time or financial concerns. We only ask for a minimum commitment of 2 hours a week although we welcome volunteers that have more time to give too. All volunteers who can volunteer for a minimum of 4 hours can be reimbursed the cost of there transport so would not be out of pocket.

Our shop is open 9-5 Monday until Saturday and we currently have the capacity to take accommodate volunteers on any of these days. We are also trying to find a volunteer who may not wish to volunteer in store but is able to help us with our online selling by photographing items and listing them on websites such as Ebay. If you have would like to speak to myself or have any questions please feel free to contact me on 0191 4173183 or at amy.mcallister@childrenssociety-retail.org.uk

Yours Faithfully,



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