

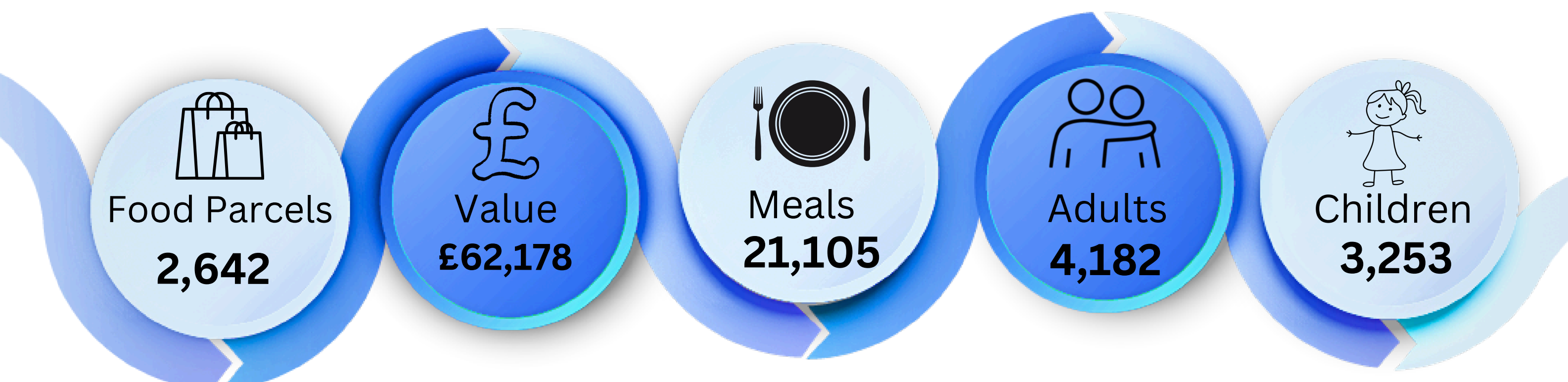
## Christmas 2024

Happy New Year and a huge thank you to everyone who supported us in December! It was an incredibly busy month, and your generosity made a huge difference. In addition to supporting our foodbank partners during Christmas, we also provided food to community organizations offering cooked meals, like Warm Welcomes and others.

A special thanks to the local farmer who donated 2 cows, providing 400kg of stewing beef and mince, shared with Warm Welcomes and other community meals. Thanks also to MacVities, local businesses, and Matthew Walker for their donations of biscuits, crackers, mince pies, Christmas puddings, and 30 turkeys from Fairfax Meadows for our Christmas meals. We were able to share good quality cooking pans, covering just delivery costs, with our partners. We also appreciate the volunteers, including those from Rolls Royce, Alstom, Rams Talk, and Kingsway Community Fire Station, who gave their time during this busy period. Many others organized fundraisers, like Christmas quizzes and carol services, while Asda Sinfin hosted a "Give a Gift" campaign. We are truly grateful for all the support and donations that made this holiday season possible. Thank you again to everyone involved!

## Support Statistics

In December, we handled over 1,300 referrals for support, which came through both our phone lines and the new referrals system on our website. It was a busy month!



## Reverse Advent Calendar

This year's Reverse Advent Calendar has got to be the best response yet. Thanks to our partnership with Derby County Community Trust. The Trust help us to promote the RAC each year they are our main collection point for people to donate to. This year we collected over **450** RAC which is an amazing amount and will help us not just during December, but through the other winter months, we are just as busy during these months as in December.

*THANK YOU!*





# NEWSLETTER



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## Christmas Meals, Hampers & so much more ....



A huge thank you to Alstom for funding 300 Christmas Day dinners for those in need in the community. Special thanks to Karen Reedman and David Summers for volunteering as chefs, along with the Alstom team and other volunteers who helped prepare, serve, and deliver the meals. The support made a meaningful difference to people's Christmas. Additionally, thanks to Fairfax Meadows for providing the turkeys and Paul and the team at Derby County for cooking them.



### Email we received from a customer... It has been edited

Just to say thank you so much for the Christmas lunch which was delivered on Monday 23/12/24. This was a totally unexpected surprise as I had discussed the offer of this with my Good Neighbour and wasn't too keen on idea- purely because the idea of sitting eating a Christmas dinner alone was just too sad- and something I haven't been able to do for many years. I was totally blown away by a young man standing there saying i have your Christmas dinner. The fact that people were giving up their time like this touched my heart and made my Christmas- so thank you to you all. I did in fact have the dinner on Christmas Day- the 1st in my house for probably 15 years. Just seemed right thing to do this time as it had been so kindly prepared for me. That little carrier bag was a very rare present - full of so many unexpected goodies. It sat by my tree for a while to remind me there are some people out there somewhere who do care. Happy new year to you all - and thank you again for the dinner package and also for caring.



In December, we partnered with St. Peters in the City on a project that provides Christmas hampers to low-income families and individuals. Volunteers from Rolls-Royce and the local community packed 300 hampers, feeding approximately 1,200 people. The project, costing around £15,000 annually, is funded through donations from businesses, churches, local trusts, individuals, and companies like Asda (Sinfin).

