

Tomrods Christmas Fundraiser 2019.

It's the time of year when we bring out the office Christmas tree, staff are busy preparing to send out customer gifts and everyone's wondering what Secret Santa will bring. We love Christmas time here at Tomrods!

This year Tomrods would like to invite our suppliers and customers to take the time to think of those less fortunate than ourselves at what can also be a worrying time of the year and raise both funds and awareness for families relocated, often in emergency circumstances, due to Domestic abuse. With the primary concern of keeping their children and themselves safe it can be a stressful time for mothers, especially with the added pressure of making sure Santa arrives for the little ones. It's difficult to even imagine the range of emotions, especially when other families are enjoying this special time.

Tomrods are raising funds to provide these children with toys and clothing by supporting three local charities in the month of December, who each provide women and their children with safe refuge:

Broadacres – Based in Northallerton, North Yorkshire the centre has provided shelter to 394 women in the last decade.

IDAS – Covering the large majority of Yorkshire, IDAS provide refuge in York, Harrogate, Barnsley and Sheffield.

Harbour – The charity has provided support and refuge to women in the Teesside region for over 40 years.

Throughout the month of December Tomrods will be donating a contribution from every sale we make to these amazing charities and have set up a Virgin Money Giving page for anyone who wishes to support us in our efforts. Please visit our page <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Tomrods> for more details on how to donate. Any small contribution will make such a big difference to a child in need at Christmas time.

The team here at Tomrods will also be holding a gift drop, where staff can bring along a present for a child or teenager along with a Christmas Fayre coffee morning and we will be talking of toys, not tonnes throughout the month. Please feel free to contact our sales team at any time throughout the month for an update on the running toy total.

Thank you taking the time to read this and for any much appreciated contribution to our Christmas fundraiser.

For more information on the women's refuge's and the support services provided please visit their websites as follows:

www.broadacres.org.uk/supporting-our-customers/womens-refuge/

www.idas.org.uk/our-services/refuge/

www.myharbour.org.uk/

