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Holiday park brings Christmas joy to orphans

Generous caravan owners at a holiday park have rallied round to bring the magic of Christmas to orphans.

A total of 163 beautifully-wrapped shoeboxes, filled with children's goodies, are en route from Bunn Leisure in Selsey, to a Ukrainian orphanage more than 1,400 miles away.

Caravan owners at the holiday park have ensured that every child at the orphanage will now get a present this Christmas.

This whip-round was organised by caravan owner Chris Russell, who lives in Fareham, with the help of his friend Andy Moore.

This is the third year they have asked caravan owners to take part – and the response has been bigger than ever.

Each shoebox was filled with gifts, including toys, gizmos and stationery at an average cost of £30 per shoebox.

The response was so great, and so many shoeboxes filled, that Chris and Andy needed a van to transport them to the depot.

Chris was inspired to help after seeing photographs of the orphanage, and Andy's wife was born in the town in Ukraine where the orphanage is.



Chris said: "I saw pictures and realised these children have very little hope. I decided to help as they have done nothing wrong.

"Every child deserves to have a Christmas, we take this for granted.

"This is the highlight of the children's year."

John Bunn, managing director of Bunn Leisure, said: "This is a wonderful initiative from our caravan owners and it's great that so many have come together to help this orphanage. It really does demonstrate the importance of 'the family' at our holiday village.

"Each caravan owner was allocated a child thus ensuring every orphan receives a gift this Christmas.

"It's fantastic to witness the season of goodwill which will help bring some joy to these children this Christmas."



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