

## Help the Railway Benefit Fund reach their £40,000 Christmas target

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The much-loved rail charity **Railway Benefit Fund (RBF)** needs your support to reach their Christmas Appeal target. The charity has currently raised 95% of their target and is calling for donations to help them smash this goal for Christmas.

Last month RBF launched their Christmas Children's Appeal, with a goal of raising £40,000 – money which will allow them to support 130 UK rail families this winter. As a charity, RBF relies on the generosity of its supporters and the donations they raise — all of which go straight to funding the welfare and crisis needs of people working in rail.

Donating to RBF has a real impact on the lives of railway people. Earlier this month, RBF were able to help Lorraine, a retired railway worker who was in a desperate situation with her finances. After being awarded with a grant, Lorraine said: "I am absolutely overwhelmed and feeling very emotional because RBF have literally saved my Christmas! I have been worried over the weekend as to how I was going to buy some Christmas food and top up the electricity so I can switch the heating up (it's been freezing here for the last few days!) I really don't know how I would have managed without the £300 you have awarded me for food and electricity — I am very grateful."

Sally, a single mum working as a platform assistant in the Midlands, recently received a grant from the RBF Children's Fund. She said: "When I lost my overtime and became ill with Covid and had time off work, I found we were really struggling to afford the essentials, let alone think about Christmas costs. At first, I was reluctant to reach out to RBF but I'm so glad I did — they provided us with a grant to buy new winter coats for my children. It's one less stress for me knowing I don't have to worry about that cost!"

All donations can help to change lives this Christmas. Donating £20 could pay for a new winter coat for a rail child; a £50 donation could ensure that a railway family has enough to eat this Christmas.

Please give generously this Christmas to support our Railway Family.

Via Just Giving: [www.justgiving.com/campaign/rbfchristmas](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/rbfchristmas)

Via the RBF Shop: [www.railwaybenefitfund.org.uk/shop](https://www.railwaybenefitfund.org.uk/shop)