

*"Aoibhneas taught me more about myself and my children than I could ever realise including how to mind myself. Thank you for supporting and encouraging us to become stronger as a family. We will never forget the kindness and security we felt here. You will forever be our second family". Aoibhneas Client*

*Dear Friends,*

*In 2015 Aoibhneas provided direct support and assistance to 364 families experiencing domestic violence through access to our refuge, outreach and drop in service.*

*In 2015 our refuge service accommodated 174 Women and 292 Children who were forced to flee their homes due to domestic violence. While Christmas can be a very difficult time for the families we work with, we go to extra lengths to make Christmas at Aoibhneas as special and festive as possible.*

*We realise that for women and children engaged with our service your gift might be the only gift they receive this Christmas. With that in mind we would really appreciate your support once again in helping us provide gifts to families who will be staying in our service over the Christmas period and who have accessed support over the past months.*

*Our Annual Christmas Party will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016, invited families will visit Santa's grotto and partake in festive games and activities.*

*I would ask for your assistance in making Christmas as special as it can be by donating a gift. No donation is too small, as every gift makes a big difference in someone's life.*

*Please find enclosed for your attention a leaflet of our service. You can make a donation by ringing/emailing us on 01 8670805/[julie.maher@aoibhneas.org](mailto:julie.maher@aoibhneas.org). Alternatively, you can make a donation by visiting our website [www.aoibhneas.org](http://www.aoibhneas.org).*

*Thank you for your continued support.  
Yours sincerely*

*Emma Reidy*

*Manager*



