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Re: THE GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION 2015

Dear Friends and Colleagues

It will soon be **Lent** (Ash Wednesday, 18th February) and the Catholic Children's Society and hopefully yourselves will be thinking of the **Good Shepherd Collection** which traditionally is the time when we involve your children and students in our fundraising campaign. These collections are essential in ensuring that our work continues with staff and volunteers who are committed to supporting children and families when they are encountering difficulties and not sure where to turn next. We do a lot of work in partnership with our local schools and communities.

This year we have produced a **Resource Pack** for use in primary schools. Our hope is that this will give some background to the teachers and support staff about the history of the campaign and enable them to enthuse the children in doing something practical to help others, so that they like the Good Shepherd, care for others and notice their needs.

The pack contains a letter to the children and their families, background information for staff, a child friendly version of the Good Shepherd Story, a template for making a small house which can be used to collect the money and some practical ideas for raising money. The pack is available for download from our website www.cathchildsoc.org.uk or you can contact our office on 0151 652 1281 for a pack or further support. The website will also give you important and up to date information about the current work of the Society with children and families.

We are also very happy to be invited to participate in a **school assembly** where we can speak about who we are, what we do and why we do it. This may be of particular interest to our secondary schools and academies! Please contact us on 0151 652 1281 to get more information or to arrange a suitable date.

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Thanking you in advance for your support and contribution to this important work and good luck with your fundraising! This year due to the half term break there will only be five weeks to promote awareness and hold activities.

Your contributions and support do make a difference!

Kind Regards

Mary Kilcoyne
Director