



**solace
women's
aid**

Solace Women's Aid is an independent charity providing a range of refuge, support and holistic services for women and children enabling them to live their lives free from domestic abuse.

15th July 2009

Dear Neighbours and friends of the Street Party Crew 2008,

Firstly I would like to express my apologies in my delay in writing to thank you all for your generosity on the day of your street party. Solas Anois received £100 from the proceeds of your cake sale.

Solas Anois is a specialist Irish and Travelling women's refuge. It provides 10 bed spaces for women and their children fleeing domestic violence.

We received this money from Liz in December 08. With this money the women decided to have a "Body Shop" evening. [redacted] is one of the refuge workers who arranged for this to take place. She liaised with the Body Shop and asked that the representatives come to the refuge to host a pampering evening. Each of the women was given £10 to spend from your donations. They purchased a variety of special treats: Mango Hand washes, Satsuma body butters, coconut oil hair shines, Mascaras, and the bronzing powder proved to be a best seller of the evening!!!

One of the women who received a make over was inspired the following day to book an appointment at the hair dressers for a new look ! [redacted] is a disabled woman who arrived at Solas Anois on Christmas Eve with her daughter. The next morning after her make over, I noticed that she was still made over... I commented on how well she looked and she then let me in to "a little secret...it's still on (the make up) from last night. I didn't want to take it off".

The opportunity for the women to share a space that enabled them to have a social evening together and bond, clearly improved the atmosphere of the refuge for the evening. The women were very grateful for the opportunity that you have given them. In the card that the women have sent you, one woman sums it up perfectly:

"...I feel much better because of such a wonderful evening" (anonymous)

And another grateful recipient says:

"Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be women" ([redacted])

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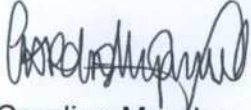
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An enormous and humble thank you from all of the women at Solas Anois.
Thanks to the fruits of your labour and cake making skills, ten women received a
wonderful and rare treat !

Yours Sincerely



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