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More than 30 community projects benefit despite year's challenges

Fife Ethylene Plant (FEP) at Mossmorran has just rounded off 2020 with donations to help make Christmas a little brighter for local families.

Much needed cash donations have been made to Fife Gingerbread, which helps lone parent families in difficult times, and A Gift of Christmas Appeal Fife, which is collecting gifts on behalf of voluntary and statutory organisations, for children who may otherwise go without.

The donations will be used to help vulnerable families throughout Fife to provide necessities such as food and heating, as well as Christmas gifts for children.

Linsey Proctor, of Fife Gingerbread, said: "This fantastic donation from FEP has helped us to meet our target in our Heat and Eat campaign which means vulnerable families will be able to heat their homes and put food on the table for their children over the school holidays.

"Anything that is left over will go towards making sure that every child has a toy on Christmas day.

"We are incredibly grateful to ExxonMobil for helping Fife Gingerbread and our families."

Despite the many challenges 2020 brought, FEP still managed to reach out to over 30 local charities, schools and community organisations to help them deliver everything from STEM equipment and laptops to defibrillators, outdoor play equipment and PPE.

The site helped provide outdoor education equipment for Cowdenbeath Primary and Beath High Schools, STEM equipment for six local schools, and has also helped Burntisland, Crossgates and Lumphinnans Community Councils for potentially life-saving defibrillator projects.

Many community-based initiatives were also supported, including Growing in Lochgelly which benefited from funding for its community allotments and High Street planters projects.

And FEP is keen to continue to support the valuable work being done in neighbouring towns and villages, which it has supported with over £4m in donations to date.

It is inviting groups which could benefit from some support to get in touch in the New Year.

Louise Russell, Community Affairs Co-ordinator, said: "We hope our contributions make a genuine difference and we would love to hear from any local school, charity or community group which has a need that we can consider giving some help to."

