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Dear Kirit

## Crisis at Christmas 2016

Thank you for your donation of clothing which enabled Crisis to help over 4,500 guests take the first steps out of homelessness. Crisis at Christmas would simply not be possible without the support from BAPS Charities.

With your support, Crisis at Christmas was able to open its doors for eight days over Christmas in 11 centres across London, and additional centres in Birmingham, Coventry, Newcastle and Edinburgh. Together with 10,500 volunteers, we offered a safe, warm environment, with food, companionship, and access to vital services.

This Christmas we were able to offer over 20 vital services, including healthcare, dentists, and opticians. Guests could also enjoy a range of activities including sports, creative arts, and IT sessions. Most importantly we were able to provide essential advice on housing and employment, and encourage people to access our year round services to support their journey out of homelessness in 2017.

For anyone sleeping on the street, life can be a struggle just to survive. As our research shows, rough sleepers are far more likely to be victims of crime, including violent assault, abuse and intimidation, compared to the general public. We are more determined than ever in our resolve to end homelessness by helping people rebuild their lives through our ground-breaking services, and campaigning to tackle the underlying causes.

Your donation has made a real difference towards ending homelessness, and we hope that you will consider supporting Crisis again this year, as we mark our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and continue to make positive changes to the lives of homeless people.

Rest wishes

Jon Sparkes
Chief Executive

## Homelessness ends here