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Press Release

## **SECRET SANTA GIFT COLLECTION TO HELP BRING CHRISTMAS CHEER**

**'Secret Santas' at Cambridge Regional College will help make Christmas Day special for over 150 local children this year.**

Staff at the College have been busy buying and wrapping presents for the youngsters who might not otherwise receive any gifts on the big day.

Mother-of-two Clare Scantlebury, who works in CRC's employment and skills department, organised the festive gift collection when she realised just how many children might be missing out this Christmas.



Clare Scantlebury with the Christmas presents donated by CRC staff

The Secret Santas were each given a child to buy a present for, but without knowing their names – just the age and whether it was a boy or girl.

“The response has been amazing, and we have collected presents for more than 150 youngsters,” said Clare.

“I wanted to do something for children in the local area this Christmas and social services have a long list of those who are unlikely to get any Christmas presents.

“I have two children of my own and so the thought of any child missing out on the anticipation and excitement of a present waiting for them to unwrap on Christmas morning was too much to bear.”

Caroline Dunne, Children’s Participation Manager at Cambridgeshire County Council, said: “It is wonderful to have received such a generous response from CRC staff and I know the presents will cause a great deal of excitement on Christmas morning.”

If you would like to be a Secret Santa and help a child this year, contact Caroline Dunne on 01223 703581.

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#### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

Cambridge Regional College is the second largest provider of full-time education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region. The College has more than 4,000 full-time and 6,000 part-time students. Students come in from a 40-mile radius, covering Cambridge and its surrounding villages, eastern Bedfordshire, northern Essex and western Suffolk.

Over 80 per cent of full-time students are aged 16 to 18 years old and come to the College after secondary school; the rest are mature students, studying on a range of Access to Higher Education and vocational programmes. The College offers the largest and most comprehensive range of vocational courses in Cambridgeshire, and has one of the largest work-based learning contracts in the Eastern Region.