



Angela O'Brien, Megan Holden and Helen MacKenzie are all smiles after receiving record Christmas donations.

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More people gave at Christmas

Appeal | Will Jackson

DONCARE'S 2010 Manningham Christmas Appeal was a huge success, thanks to a big increase in the number of donors, organisers say.

Manager Angela O'Brien said there were 108 donor sources compared with only 88 the year before – an increase of 23 per cent.

The appeal's success came

despite concerns over an increase in the number of people needing help and a change in the way the Kmart Wishing Tree distributed its donated gifts.

Of the donors, 27 gave money, seven gave gift vouchers, 44 toys and gifts and 30 donated food.

Ms O'Brien said 230 households received Christmas help compared to 220 in 2009

with each child receiving six toys instead of five. More than half of the households had children while 80 were pensioners and 20 singles.

Ms O'Brien said Doncare would like to thank all the organisations that helped but especially the local Rotary and Lions clubs, UnitingCare Connections and the businesses that hosted Wishing Trees.