Hello, my name is Marc Lambert, I'm the chief executive of Scottish Book Trust and I just wanted  to take a moment today to thank all of you who have donated to our campaign this year to provide families in need with books, this Christmas - and also all of the publishers who have donated so generously to this cause.

Right now, thousands of books are making their way to over 300 food banks and community hubs across Scotland. We wouldn't be able to make this happen without your support, and also the support of our third sector charity partners: Social Bite, The Trussell Trust, Cyreninans and Aberlour.

We want to gift these books to families in need because we believe, just like you, that books bring families together, comfort children and inspire joy.

They help children understand the world, do well at school and open doors to the future.

That's why your continued support is so vitally important this Christmas, and beyond. Thank you.

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