## Last few days to contribute to Argos Toy Exchange

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Local families and children in Edinburgh have just a few more days to donate their pre-loved toys to the Argos Toy Exchange in support of children's charity Barnardo's Scotland.

The Christmas initiative, which kicked off in October and ends on Tuesdays 26th November, encouraged parents and children of Scotland to donate unwanted toys to their local Argos, or Barnardo's store and receive a £5.00 gift voucher off a spend of £35. Money raised from the sale of the toys donated, will go directly to support the local and national work of Barnardo's Scotland.

Gerard Cousins, Barnardo's Director of Retail and Trading said: "We have been delighted with the response we have had from the public since the Argos Toy Exchange was launched. The quality of the toys donated and numbers of bags received has been amazing.

"There is now only one week to go and we really need to pull out all the stops to reach our goal, so for those who haven't yet donated, please have one last look for those unloved toys and donate to your local Argos or Barnardo's Scotland store.

"Christmas can be a difficult time for many, particularly those living in poverty with children, and every penny raised through the sale of these pre-loved toys in Barnardo's stores will go directly towards our work with some of the UK's most disadvantaged children and families."

Amy Whidburn, Head of Corporate Responsibility for Argos, said: "As the UK's number one retailer we know the important role toys play in a child's life, especially at this time of

the year. By supporting the Toy Exchange Argos customers will be making a difference to the lives of the most vulnerable children across the UK."

Until next Tuesday (26 November), donated toys can be taken to Argos stores and Barnardo's retail stores, where members of the public will be able to swap their unwanted toys in exchange for a £5 voucher, which can go towards the cost of new toys (minimum £35 spend) to be redeemed at Argos by 24 December 2013.

For more information about the Toy Exchange, visit www.argos.co.uk/toyexchange.