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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR FOR PUBLICATION

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Dear Editor

### CALL FOR JUST 2 HOURS TO MAKE A LONG-LASTING DIFFERENCE TO BARNARDO'S



In July, children's charity Barnardo's asked me to front their campaign to get 14,000 people from across the UK to give just two hours of their time to collect £250,000 in just two days.

There has been enthusiastic and generous responses from the public but the deadline looms large and there is only a short amount of time to sign up for the collection days taking place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

I would like to appeal to your readers to look at their diaries and make some time to make a difference to the 120,000 disadvantaged children and young people Barnardo's supports. Volunteers will get to meet others in their area in joining thousands across the UK in collecting loose change from shoppers at Tesco's stores nationwide.

Those unable to give a time commitment can still support the campaign by being generous to the volunteer charity collectors at Tesco's stores over the last weekend of September.

Anyone wanting to get involved should call the helpline: 0845 769 7967.

Yours sincerely

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Note to editors:

Barnardo's believes that the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children deserve a better start in life and the chance of a better future.

Barnardo's works with approximately 120,000 children, young people and their families in over 370 specialised projects in local communities across the UK. This includes work with children affected by today's most urgent issues: poverty, homelessness, disability, bereavement and abuse.

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