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Dear Jamie

The Woman of Influence Awards 2014

I am writing to say a huge thank you for all that you have done to make The Woman of Influence Awards 2014 such a success, and for your commitment to the children, young people and families Action for Children helps.

This year's event has raised a further £73,394 bringing the total figure raised over the lifetime of WOI to £1,023,394 since the first event in 2000.

Kirsty Wark, this year's winner, joins a now very select group of influential women and as you know each year we also give a Woman of Influence Community Award to a young woman who has grown in confidence, outlook and ability as a result of support received from Action for Children Scotland. We work with so many determined, talented and brave young women and the competition is always fierce. This year's Community Award winner, Kimberley Low, stayed in one of our residential services after becoming homeless at the age of 16. Four years on, she has a home of her own, is studying social care at college, and volunteers with Action for Children Scotland. She is a true survivor who is using her experience to help others.

Action for Children Scotland runs 80 services designed to help vulnerable children, young people and families to deal with the challenges they face. We provide practical support, such as housing advice and employability programmes, but it is also vitally important that we give them something to aspire to. The Woman of Influence Awards does just this. It is the celebration of "ordinary" women who are happy and hard working that makes the event so important, showing the young people we support that they can transform their lives – anything is possible.

By supporting Action for Children you inspire hope in the thousands of vulnerable children and young people we help and if you would like to make a visit to one of the services the WOI event supports please do not hesitate to let me know and I will ensure we arrange a visit for you.

With all my very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa".

Lisa Montford
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