



## Sparkling support for Sheffield pensioner

### AFTAID donates new washing machine to 72 year old pensioner

London, 10 April 2007 - AFTAID (Aid for the Aged in Distress), the charity that provides the elderly with vital financial support, has helped 72 year old pensioner Sheila Roberts maintain her independence by donating a brand new washing machine.

Mrs Roberts, who worked for sweet company Bassetts for over 20 years turned to Sweet Charity for help when she risked flooding in her home due to a worn-out washing machine. Having lived with arthritis for many years, and on a basic pension, maintaining her house without a washing machine presented a serious challenge.

"Each time I used the old machine I thought that I'd flood the house. It's just something I can't do without and I couldn't see how I would be able to afford a new one," commented Mrs Roberts.

AFTAID supported Sweet Charity's response to Mrs Roberts's application by making a grant payable to the chosen washing machine retailer. Within ten days, the machine was installed and ready for use.

Mrs Roberts adds: "I'm so pleased with the washing machine and relieved that I don't have to panic when it comes to doing my laundry."



### **About Aid for the Aged in Distress - AFTAID**

Established in June 1982, AFTAID (Aid for the Aged in Distress) gives direct financial relief to elderly people in distress. It concentrates its efforts and resources directly to elderly people in the UK, who, because of ineligibility or, who are only receiving partial funding through statutory or voluntary services, fall through the 'safety net'. Registered Charity No. 299276. AFTAID is based at 18 Hand Court, High Holborn, London WC1V 6JF Tel: 0870 803 1950 Website: [www.agedistress.org.uk](http://www.agedistress.org.uk)

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