

HULL LIGHTHOUSE

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2020!!! What a year!!!

At the start of last year, we hoped it would be a year of change and development, but we never imagined how those changes would come about! It's certainly been a busy year and even though the COVID-19 pandemic has restricted us in many ways, we have found the changes and developments we longed for have still happened and we have seen more women supported in different ways that we could ever have imagined.

Having our own building with large rooms, allowed us to open the drop-in as planned, but keeping to strict governments guidelines with a one person at a time policy.

Between October and December this still saw us being visited **27** times and welcoming **17** women, of which **9** had no forwarding address or phone. In the past, these women were hard to connect with and usually went without support, but now we are easily accessible, they are finding their way to us.

Christmas was different too! No Christmas meal allowed, but with the kindness and generosity of the Hull Vineyard Church, we were able to deliver **24** luxury hampers donated by them.

To ensure that the women also received a Christmas present (sometimes the only gift they get), we delivered over **24** gifts.

In the two weeks leading up to Christmas, the Evening Outreach handed out **20** gifts of hat & glove sets.

Last year also saw **12** women being fast tracked in to drug treatment and a number fast tracked into secure accommodation. Both these being made possible by continuing to develop our working relationship with partnering agencies.

Other statistics

We spent **25** hours a month on the streets supporting & helping keep women safe through the Evening Outreach.

In 2020 there were over **445** contacts during the evening shifts and we met **100** women of which **49** were new to the Evening Outreach.

During 2020 we supported

approximately **50** women with **875** face to face contacts. Due to Covid restrictions, these were mostly socially distanced contacts.

8 new women were referred to the daytime support team and **9** re-engaged from the previous year.

Ensuring we kept in touch with everyone , we made **799** calls and letters.

Funding

We have been extremely blessed over the last few months by a number of generous grants. We are very grateful to:-

The Joseph Rank Trust for a grant to cover revenue costs.

The Sir James Reckitt Charity for a grant to cover revenue costs.

Joseph & Annie Cattle Trust for a grant to cover revenue costs.

Wharfedale Foundation for a grant to cover the Living Room.

The DCMS fund via Lloyds to cover costs through the Covid pandemic.

And of course, a big thank you to all those people who have sent us regular or one off private donations as well as supporting us through fundraising platforms such as Easy Fundraising and PayPal Giving.

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We are also one of the registered Charities with PayPal Giving, so people can safely donate via PayPal transactions.

We are always looking for fresh ways to fundraise, so if you have any ideas or feel inspired to organise an event, please come and speak to us.

Don't forget to check us out on Social Media

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PRAYER POINTS

Thank you to all of you who prayed for the funding situation. We have been blessed with successful bids recently which has taken off the pressure for a while. Also, thank you for your prayers regarding the Drop-in in the new building; prayers have been answered.

Even though we cannot open up the building as planned due to lockdown, we are still making plans for when this is possible. Please pray for wisdom in the planning of stepping in to new ventures and utilising the space we have been blessed with.

Please also pray for continued good health of the staff so we can carry on supporting the women and of course, the good health of the women themselves.

We appreciate all the support from all our current funders:-

The Joseph and Annie Cattle Trust / Sir James Reckitt Charity / Wharfedale Foundation /

The DCMS fund via the Lloyds Bank Foundation / The Henry Smith Charity /

The Joseph Rank Trust