



Good News Family Care (Homes) Ltd

• Making a Difference One by One •

• Supporting Families in Crisis • Equipping People for Life •

• God's Love in Action •

Dear Friends,

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"Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Heb 4

PRAISE

For all the wonderful financial gifts and regular giving that has been received in response to our letter in January. As a result of this and a temporary commitment from Social Care to pay for certain residents over the last few months, we have been able to meet our overheads each month. Recently we are increasingly aware of the positive view taken of us by High Peak Borough Council, particularly Housing and Social Care as well as by local council leaders. The "Creative Wellbeing" group run with High Peak Community Art and funded by the Lloyds Bank Foundation is flourishing and the "Tree of Life" art work was recently opened by the Mayor and the Chair of Derbyshire County Council.

Thursday Church, held in the Family Centre, is also flourishing with some of the Recovery residents in both 1st and 2nd stage recovery wanting to cook for the meal after the service; one has obtained her Food and Hygiene certificate.

Oldfield Farmhouse is now fully home to some of our Recovery clients and this has allowed us to accept a referral from prison who cannot live in central Buxton.

Nursery has adapted well to the new shorter opening hours; the staff are enjoying working as a team, when the nursery co-ordinator was ill the team rose to the challenge of keeping nursery running well and starting the day with prayer. The rooms look more professional while new term-time only Early Years funding is going to allow a more relaxed approach for the children in holiday weeks.

On the Farm we have continual new men and women attending weekly from different agencies as well as residents and long standing community clients. One man continues to come to work with the eggs week after week.

PRAYER

As we establish working as one team instead of Family Centre and Recovery teams pray that we can continue to offer targeted support such as Parenting and Self-esteem courses to ladies not in Recovery (while coping with two staff off for lengthy periods of sickness and two who are no longer working at GNFC). Continue to pray for a demanding family who have been with us several months as the future unfolds for them. Pray for continuing progress for the ladies in 2nd Stage Recovery who are living freely in the Family Centre and open to all the influences that brings. Pray for better contacts among Social Care professionals around the country who can send funded referrals to Recovery.

For increasing opportunities for Nursery staff to build relationships with the families of the children and to help develop the families' parenting skills where change is needed.

For the Farm, continue to pray that real benefit will come to those at the Farm this spring as we blend physical activity and learning with spiritual renewal. Continue to pray that we can find a way to get the livery running to generate income.

For discernment and confidence for directors and management as we work through how to make GNFC sustainable for the future and develop relationships with other organisations.

Thank you for continuing to pray for us and for your faithful support.

Hazel and all the team at Good News Family Care

