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Account Number 65724622

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Date

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Director's Thoughts!

2016 is a Year of Celebration for Genesis as we 'Come of Age' - 21 years old as a registered charity this year! I have been with Genesis for 15 of those years and it has been a great journey.

It seems entirely appropriate that it should be this year that the Bath Life Magazine judges voted Genesis as their **Charity of the Year**. Furthermore, in the B&NES Chairman's Community Awards some of our volunteers also won awards, more on this later!

These awards are a tribute to all the hard work and compassion of the 700 plus volunteers within Genesis. Whilst the term 'Big Society' has received quite a lot of derision over the last few



From the Chairman

Genesis is moving forwards. Our new building in Walcot Street now has planning permission, and we are launching our appeal to raise the funds to create a brand new Centre for Genesis.

This is a major step forwards for the charity, and will enable us to help many more people in the future. The purpose of the Centre will be to provide training courses, meaningful activity programmes and work experience for our clients. We want to support them in learning new skills and in building their confidence, so that they can gain all the right experience to help them move forward and have fully purposeful lives.

years, I quite like it and think Genesis is living proof that it exists. A Big Society thrives on 'Big Hearts' and in my experience the Genesis family has big hearts in abundance.

In Corinthians Paul writes

“Each person should give what they have decided in their heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion. For God loves a cheerful giver.”

Genesis is full of cheerful givers – people who give their time, their money and most of all their hearts.

Thank you. It is a privilege to walk alongside you.

Paul Solly | Chief Executive



We expect that many people will be able to go on into employment or further education or volunteering. The fund raising starts now, so please watch out for ways in which you can help with this.

Peter Heywood |
Chair of Trustees

Please send completed forms to:

The Genesis Trust | The Old School House | St. John's Court | South Parade | Bath BA2 4AF

Proud winner of Bath Life Charity award 2016



Paul Solly | Chief Executive
Michelle Williams | Head of Fundraising

We were delighted to be shortlisted with 6 other Bath organizations in the charity category of the prestigious Bath Life awards this year. We learned that we had won at a glitzy event at the Assembly Rooms and this is what the judges said in their citation *“Genesis Trust does vital work with the disadvantaged and homeless, backed by the incredible commitment of hundreds of volunteers. A real credit to the city.”* To win this award in our 21st year of working in Bath is a great accolade.



Award winning volunteers

The work of some of our 700 volunteers was recognised at the B&NES Chairman's awards this year. Anne Griffin, who runs the clothing store at our homeless drop in centre Lifeline, received the Volunteer of the Year award and the Soup Run team, who provide a service 365 nights a year, won Team of the Year. Congratulations to them all.

Volunteers
Anne Griffin
Annie Saberwal
Ann Dolan
Eileen Vicars
at the Chairman's awards



Bath Chronicle Pride awards 2016

We feel all our volunteers should win awards for the time and effort they put in, but every now and again we meet people who go over and beyond for Genesis. We nominated two worthy women for Pride of Bath awards this spring and are delighted that both of them were successful! 82 year old grandmother, Glenys Green, who works at Lunch Box won the Volunteer of the Year and Gloria Ware, who founded our Lifeline homeless drop in centre, won the "Going the extra mile" award. Huge congratulations to them both!

Glenys Green and Gloria Ware



A Coming of Age building for Genesis



2016 is a big year for Genesis – not only are we 21 years old but we've just received planning permission for an ambitious new building on Walcot Street. The new premises, the Genesis Centre, will be a training facility and attractive retail shop, where some of the most disadvantaged people in our community will be helped towards self-sufficiency and regular employment. It will also enable our staff team to be based together in one location.

The money to fund the new building will be raised via the Next Step Appeal to be launched in May. The appeal will be led by Dr. Alan Kerbey. We need to raise over £1 million as the current building needs significant upgrading. We aim to raise the money through the support of individual donors, trusts, companies; churches and the community.

We would like to encourage people to get behind this exciting and important project and to make a gift at a level they can afford. Whether small or large, each donation will be valued equally and will help to take us towards our target figure.

More information is available at www.genesis-trust.org.uk

Come and join us in a special Service of Celebration!

To celebrate all that we've achieved in 21 years, we are holding a special service of thanksgiving at Bath Abbey on 13th October. Guests include the Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Rt. Rev. Peter Hancock and the worship will be led by the well-known Christian song writer, Graham Kendrick.



The restorative nature of Art

We always like to get feedback from people who use our services. Here is the story of one man who engaged with several of our projects whilst homeless and who found particular solace in doing art

Fifty year old Michael lost his job 3 years ago, and life spiralled quickly downhill until he became homeless and had to store his possessions in a friend's shed. He was at a very low point.

He was referred to Genesis Furniture Project for a one month placement by the job centre. When that ended he started attending a weekly art class run by another Genesis project: Life Skills.

He says he felt immediately at home there, with the group becoming like family to him. (He lost contact with his own family when he became homeless as he felt embarrassed at his predicament).

He says the art group kept him going through the darkest of times, it helped keep him focused and even though his situation was really difficult no one could take his skill in art away from him. Even though he was



homeless, he could still enjoy and fall back on doing something creative.

Now in 2016, thanks to ongoing support from Genesis, Michael is working at a local hotel and lives in a Curo flat. He is much happier and life is picking up once more. He has made contact again with his brother in Australia and has spoken for the first time to his family of his struggles. He aspires to owning his own home and is much more positive. He says

“you can never take life for granted; you can't assume all will be ok. When I became homeless I found an inner strength to help me cope day to day even though I felt very low inside. Strangely being homeless helped improve my art and I won't stop drawing, even though I'm in now in a better place. I feel I have a lot of positive in me, I have a purpose - I've come a long way and Genesis has been there for me all the way.”

The art group kept me going through the darkest of times

Staff and Volunteer News

Glorious Gloria

Lifeline manager Gloria Ware had her moment in the limelight on Christmas Day when she featured in a live broadcast of BBC 1's Songs of Praise from Bath Abbey. Gloria described the work she and her team do with homeless people in Bath using a pair of walking boots to illustrate the kind of items they give to people sleeping rough in the city. Gloria didn't seem phased by live TV and it was a beautiful service.



She says “I've seen a lot of joy over the years and a lot of sadness - I like being front of house and hearing people's stories bad and good.” She says “volunteering is a chance to give back. I've got a loving family and have had a good life and I enjoy helping people who've not been as fortunate - they all matter to me. I won't sit in a rocking chair with my shawl around me, I love people and this work keeps me young and open minded.”

Our exceptional volunteers

When we did an audit of our volunteers recently we realised that over 700 people are involved in delivering our projects. We value all of them hugely and have decided to feature just a few here.



82 year old grandmother Glenys Green has been volunteering at Lunchbox for 16 years.

She preps and cooks food but most importantly she actively engages with the clients, many of whom she's got to know well over the years.

Letti has been facilitating a very popular creative writing class for Life Skills since 2011 on a voluntary basis. Health issues have prevented her from working full time but she began a part time job as an administrator for her church in 2015.



“The staff at Genesis have a professional, caring & non-judgemental approach. This stood out for me from the start 'and it was important for me to respect my volunteer work in the same way that I would a paid role. Being consistent, reliable and hard working were qualities I wanted to bring every single week and this is one of the reasons why Genesis has played such an important part in my recovery. Thanks to them I felt something could finally shift. With my volunteer work, I learned to trust myself again and I was reminded that I could still give something of value to other people”



Cycle Event

With cycling in the city all the rage at the moment, we've signed up for an exciting event organised by Bike Bath (www.bikebath.co.uk)

on July 3rd. We have ten

places available for the 50 mile cycle route which takes in Chew Magna and Mells. Bike Bath is one of the largest single day city cycling events in the South West, attracting around 1000 riders to the city. You just need to raise £250 for us, please email sarah@genesistrust.org.uk to register for the event.

A Big thank you to all our runners

We want to say a huge thanks to our Bristol to Bath marathon runners and to those who recently ran the Bath Half for us. For the first time we also have 5 people running in the London Marathon.



Support through song from local choirs

At Christmas 5 local choirs held retiring collections for Genesis and we'd like to say a huge thanks to Bath Bach Choir, A Handful of Singers, Noctis Chamber Choir, Norland Nannies & Prior Park past pupils.

We're always keen to hear from choirs who'd like to fund raise for us

Genesis, the Movie!

To celebrate our 21 years of working in Bath and to showcase the diverse work carried out by our 10 projects we commissioned a short film for our website. Made by local film maker Simon Whitehouse it shows how busy our volunteers are helping vulnerable people in Bath from dawn to dusk. Do check it out on our website!

Local MP Ben Howlett hit the headlines recently when he donated his pay increase to 2 local charities of which we are one. Less headline grabbing was his late night patrol with our Street Pastors, when Ben found out how they help take care of people on Bath's streets at weekends.



New project for Genesis

Home for Good is a new national charity which focuses on adoption and fostering. The Bath & NE Somerset branch of Home for Good has come under the umbrella of Genesis. It aims to help churches and Christians to encourage and support families in fostering and adoption. www.homeforgood.org.uk/bath-area



We are pleased to welcome new members of staff:



Nick Mayo
Deputy Chief Executive



Sarah Buck
Appeal Fund Raiser



John Stauber
Team Leader (Vans)
Furniture Project



Ros Bell
Team Leader (Retail)
Furniture Project

We were sad to say goodbye to:

Ian Russell | Operations Manager who joined Genesis in 2013.
Ian has retired and we'll miss his cheery outlook and unrivalled organisational skills



Lee Giles | Deputy Manager Furniture Project.

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