

25 years



BARNABUS

Bringing hope to the homeless and vulnerable

OUTREACH

Greetings in the Beautiful name of Jesus



The New Year has been a difficult time for the Barnabus Team, with Peter's retirement. We're enormously sad to say goodbye to the man who has inspired us all to serve the homeless and to live our Christian values everyday. Peter's story is so powerful – a man who was homeless himself finding God and hearing the call to serve the lost and outcast. We owe a massive debt of gratitude to both Peter and Beryl for their vision, their commitment and most of all, their love for everyone they have met over the years.

This year sees the 25th year of Barnabus and we want to honour Peter and Beryl for their amazing love and humble service throughout the years, and most of all for their unfailing faith that God will provide. There were times throughout the years when Barnabus trembled at the edge of the financial precipice and their faith was what kept them going, even when they lost their home to keep the charity operating. So we hope that you will join with us in wishing Peter a long and fulfilling retirement. We are blessed that Beryl will continue her work and ministry in our charity shop in Withington.

We're also blessed that our 25th Anniversary brings new Team Members: Steve Rowley as our Outreach and Prison Support Work Co-ordinator. Steve has a wealth of experience in addiction support and street outreach. And we have a new Trustee: Joanne Bliss, who has over 25 years' experience in Nursing and District Nurse Management. Please pray for Steve and Joanne in their new roles. And after a year's break, I am truly blessed to be in the role of Operations and Resources Director. Many of you will remember that I was the Office Manager before I left last year and I am so grateful to the Trustees and to Peter and Beryl for their support and trust in me to build on the legacy they have built over a quarter of a century.

God bless from Yvonne and all the team.

25yrs of life-changing support to the homeless



Can you believe that Barnabus has now been supporting the homeless for 25 years. In the early days Peter and Beryl took sandwiches and drinks, befriending and supporting the homeless on the streets. However it was quickly evident that they needed to do more. They sought prayer and support and were blessed with a Double Decker Bus. This bus travelled into areas where the homeless were trying to bed down and it became instantly recognisable to those in need. On board there was basic healthcare, food, clothing and blankets and Barnabus the charity began. Since then we've had converted vans and faithful street teams. The Beacon Drop-in originally opened in 2000, providing a much needed daily respite from the streets. It was recently refurbished and extended to help us cope with the growing numbers and needs of the homeless, in Manchester. Our new Drop-in is now equipped to cater for larger numbers with a multi-use cafe area and separate activity room, so that we can offer a wide range of educational, art and community based classes. We have shower/wet rooms, toiletries and clothes on hand and a new Health and Wellbeing Suite which will soon have a prescribing nurse.

We have two additional projects; a collaborative Joint Allotment project in Longsight in the grounds of Longsight Community Church and a newly launched Re-Nu Furniture Up-cycling enterprise (see opposite page). All of our activities increase skills, help build positive relationships and promote a sense of belonging and community.

We also have a support office to provide one-to-one support; we can act as a care of address so that registrations can be made for benefits, a doctor and/or ID. We help source emergency accommodation, apply for housing, signpost for specialist help with addictions, poor mental health or trauma and assist with training and job searches. This is not a quick fix process; when someone is initially homeless, they are often at rock bottom, with poor self-esteem, feeling hopeless, anxious and rejected. We build trust, so that we can establish individual needs and agree an appropriate support plan and goals. We're privileged to see people make positive breakthroughs from the effects of homelessness but we're facing new challenges with the destructive nature of legal highs, risks to safety when sleeping rough and not enough hostel provision. We're not government funded, so we know we couldn't help those in need without your help.

Will you support the homeless in our 25th year?

Volunteering, fundraising, payroll /monthly giving, donating items, gifts in kind, pro bono support, prayer, raising awareness

We will celebrate the ways you've helped us throughout the year on a dedicated website, blog page and on our Twitter and Facebook. We are also hoping as many of you as possible will join us for our Anniversary Silver Ball, taking place at the Lowry Hotel on the 11th November. Tickets are now available for this sparkling event; or you can also reserve your table. Enquiries to Georgina tel: 0161 237 3223 or email: admin@barnabusmanchester.co.uk If you are interested in supporting us throughout the year, please email: carol@barnabusmanchester.co.uk



fundraising and event dates

Barnabus Big Brew - hold your own, any time you like!

Easter Appeal - monetary donations or Easter Eggs

22nd May - Great Manchester Run - places available

July date tbc - Joint Charity Skydive with Street Child

11th Nov - 25th Anniversary Silver Ball, Lowry Hotel



Renu Up-cycling Furniture Project - Home needed!

Our newly launched Renu Up-cycling Furniture Project is one of the most rewarding and exciting projects we've ever undertaken. Homeless students are amazed by what they can learn and achieve. This inspiring activity, teaches up-cycling, renovations, repairs and shabby chic/distressing techniques, transforming small items of furniture, and creating canvas art prints. As well as gaining employable skills, the project is also having a dramatic effect on our students' confidence and wellbeing. A couple of excellent students have now progressed to teaching new students and there's an opportunity for a placement via Enactus from Intercontinental Hotels', which if successful, will result in a job offer for one of our students.

We've been blessed to have warehouse space within another charities building, however due to plans for expansion, we need to find a new home for the Summer. Our homeless project is effectively becoming homeless!!

Could you help us find a home or support this life changing project?

Last Year we held a Showcase event, displaying unique, hand-crafted items. And in a few weeks you will be able to buy items for **ReNu on Ebay**. We also have a justgiving page. All monies will be re-invested back into this life-changing project. It is our hope that this will be a self-funded project, providing employment opportunities for people who enjoy and excel in the course.

Your support is needed for the long term security of this project

City Centre Warehouse Space - short or long term space

Shop Space or some Display Space in your shop/cafe/garden centre

Sponsor or Fundraise to pay for essential: tutor fees/storage

Ebay: support our ReNu ebay page

Donate or Gifts in Kind: paints, materials, tools, overalls, etc

Give: <https://www.justgiving.com/BarnabusReNu/or>

Text **RENU52 £5 to 70070** to donate £5 or more



Our Allotment Project needs you!

Are you an enthusiastic amateur gardener or budding Percy Thrower?

Gardening is an uplifting and rewarding activity for all. Would you like to volunteer with us one afternoon or morning a week, helping a small team at our Allotment in Longsight? We would love to hear from you. To find out more please visit:

http://www.barnabus-manchester.org.uk/allotment_project.html

or email carol@barnabusmanchester.co.uk and ask for our presentation.

CAN YOU HELP we need men's (small/med) boxer shorts, roll-on deodorant, shaving foam, long-life semi skimmed milk, sugar, long-life fruit juice, chocolate and cereal bars, biscuits, crispspot noodles, men's jeans, trainers, shoes, coats and blankets **thank you**





Harvest & Christmas Joy

Thank you for your thoughtful generosity

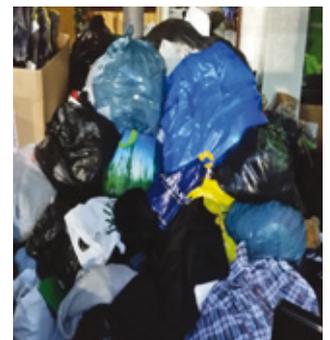
Your generosity in response to our Urban Harvest and Christmas appeals was absolutely astonishing! We have been able to bless the homeless men and women we see with whatever they have needed and it was heartwarming to give out so many presents, during the Christmas period. We are so thankful that you are keeping the homeless close to your hearts the many different ways you support us, are having a tremendous impact.

We're thankful to say that Hewden blessed us with yet another fabulous Christmas Party. Directors and Staff transformed the wonderful room Kings Church gift us with, into a beautiful festive party room. As well as bringing lots of festive fun to the day, they brought biscuits, chocolates and a donation to our work. They also joyfully served food, drinks and spent time chatting with the homeless. And this year we were doubly blessed when we received a phone call from Marie Woods, this lady was so moved to help the homeless, she mobilised a small army of generous people and businesses to donate; fresh food, gifts and clothing. She also persuaded a team lead by a professional caterer and the help of a school catering dept., to cook the most delicious Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and a range of beautiful deserts. Entertainment was somewhat unconventional this year, everyone had a fantastic time with a legendary professional busker, the one and only Hoochie Coochie Man of Manchester. **We would like to thank; Hewden, Kings Church, Hoochie Coochie Man, Smithfield Murray, Montracon, Moran Logistics, Adactus Housing, Bettaveg, Green Street Chippy and Abbotsford Preparatory School** for making our Christmas Party possible and altogether a very special event.



Important Changes to 2016 Urban Harvest & Christmas Appeal

Because we had such an overwhelming response to our Harvest and Christmas Appeals, we've had to re-think how we can run the appeals in the future. Your donations were coming in to us so thick and fast, our support office space was overtaken with donations. This meant it was difficult to see clients and our small team of staff were finding it impossible to cope with the many deliveries which came in each day. Instead of donations or Christmas gifts, we would welcome a one-off or monthly donation of any amount. This would give us a stable and assured income with which to buy gifts, toiletry items or food. We will always need various items of clothes, blankets, shoes etc. and will update our appeals material to accommodate this. **Thank you so much for your ongoing support, it really is truly amazing!**



Support Office for the Homeless - if you see someone in need please invite them to see us

If you see someone in the Greater Manchester area who is sleeping rough or homeless, please encourage them to come and see us at our Support Office. We have male and female support workers who are ready to listen, offer support and practical help.

Our Support Office is open Mon - Fri 10am - 1pm, 61 Bloom Street, M1 3LY opposite the Docs and New York, New York.



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