



# BARNABUS

Bringing hope to the homeless and vulnerable

## OUTREACH

### Greetings in the beautiful name of Jesus

“Summertime and the living is easy”

Well folks, it's Summer! and the above lyrics from a great song come springing to mind! But I can tell you that for our friends on the streets “Summertime” is difficult, not easy. Unfortunately their lives don't alter because the sun is shining. Our dear friends continue their daily hardships sleeping in dirty, derelict properties, under bushes and in doorways. Struggling to keep dry and find shelter.

Lack of available shelter or accommodation is a major problem. We of course refer people to emergency shelter when it is available but we want to find long-term solutions for our friends.

And it's great to tell you that we're blessed to be working with a number of private landlords. Over the last twelve months Barnabus has been able to find permanent housing for in excess of 50 men and women and emergency shelter for a similar number. We Praise God for these landlords who are understanding of their situation and plight and for other emergency accommodation and services that we work alongside.

Love and little fishes,

Peter and Beryl Green



# “My Manchester” Barnabus Photography Exhibition



Wow, what a night! It was wonderful to see so many people attending and enjoying the event. We were so proud to showcase the work of our photography class, the images looked fantastic all displayed on easels around the venue. Some of the photographers who captured the images were at the event and they loved the chance to chat about their photographs and share how photography has inspired them.

We also had a little surprise for our photographers. Scott Kershaw (a professional photographer to the advertising and music business) offered the gift of a masterclass to our group. It really made our evening to see the delight on their faces when we told them the news and presented them with certificates for all they've achieved so far. In addition £340 was raised from donations and the purchase of prints. Thank you to everyone who came, for your generous support.

**Annette Hewitson, Barnabus Centre Manager:** “You can't help but to be inspired by this exhibition. The group has loved taking part in this project, they've found a new appreciation for our city, learnt new skills, developed friendships and have already been encouraged and surprised by some of the shots they have taken. The exhibition will be an opportunity to celebrate Manchester and the groups creativity”.

**Gillian a lady from the group:** “It was a great experience, we had a lot of fun. I didn't know I could take photographs like that and I'm really proud of the work we've all done. I have never been to an exhibition before so it was a very new experience that I loved being part of”. We are currently looking for a other venues so that we can showcase the exhibition again later in the year. Any suggestions or offers for the free use of a venue would be very much appreciated.

**Barnabus would like to thank:** Love Creative for their creative expertise and generous support enabling us to put on this event; Dornans for generously printing all event collateral and also Virgin Money Lounge for generously providing the venue along with complimentary refreshments.

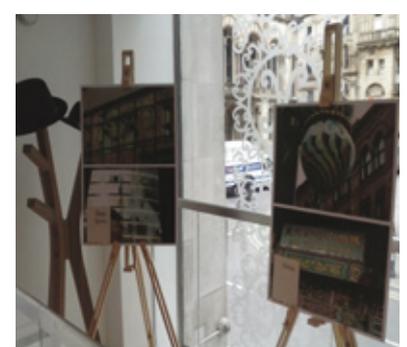
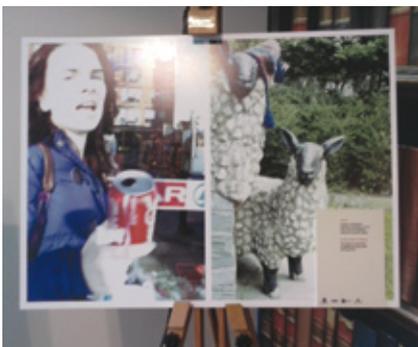
## Photographic prints still available for sale – all proceeds to our Brick Appeal

Copies of the photographs featured in the exhibition are still available for you to buy as colour prints. The images shown form part of this collection; you can view all of them on our tumblr page [www.barnabusmanchester.tumblr.com](http://www.barnabusmanchester.tumblr.com)

Each image is available as a colour print in the following sizes:

A4 size - £10, A3 size - £15, A2 size - £20

To order your prints please call Carol on 0161 237 3223 or email [carol@barnabusmanchester.co.uk](mailto:carol@barnabusmanchester.co.uk)



# fundraising and events

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

**3 Peaks Challenge - dates available now until October**

**4th October - Zipline, Salford Quays**

**10th October - Barnabus Dinner Dance, Lowry Hotel**

**6th December - Manchester Gospel Choir**



for more info see our insert or visit [www.barnabus-manchester.org.uk](http://www.barnabus-manchester.org.uk)

## Barnabus dinner dance

You and your friends make our Dinner Dance a success. It's a fantastic way for us to raise funds, you find out a little bit more about us, have a big night out and get to support a charity you care about.. Every year we hold an auction and raffle; we've had prestigious cars, mini holidays, autographed memorabilia, spa days, gift vouchers, all manner of prizes. If for some reason you can't come this year, maybe you or your company could help by donating an auction or raffle prize. Please contact Carol on 0161 237 3223 or [carol@barnabusmanchester.co.uk](mailto:carol@barnabusmanchester.co.uk)

## buddy volunteering

Last September we started a new programme of volunteering for our friends who use the drop-in. We call this Buddy volunteering. The idea is that those who want to volunteer will be offered one session of volunteering each week for 3 months; we then celebrate their volunteering with a certificate of their achievements and give references when required. So far we have had 4 people through and one of them has continued to volunteer with us.

Our regular volunteer team (some shown here) support the Buddy volunteer throughout the three months giving the benefit of their experience and gently guiding them towards working in a professional, polite and friendly manner. During this time, because our Buddy volunteers have all experienced homelessness and are at various stages of recovery, they also offer encouragement and support to other people visiting our drop-in while gaining confidence and skills for themselves.



G, one of our Buddy Volunteers, had this to say. "I really like doing it, it's nice to give something back. It's a great confidence boost. The bonus is I have an up to date reference so I can get a job."

## a new start

"S" is a young lady in her mid-thirties who arrived on our doorstep from the hills of Wales. She has a sixteen year old son whom she has not seen for a number of years, due to her major addiction to alcohol. At one stage last year she was at death's door with alcohol poisoning. This lady became a Christian a number of years ago and we were privileged to be able to pray for her and get her into a Christian Detox & Rehabilitation Unit. We're pleased to tell you that she has been dry for eight months; she is still involved with the rehabilitation centre and is also in part time employment. Last weekend she spent time with her son and is beginning to build contacts with her parents. Peter spoke to her only the other day and she is looking forward to the day when she is strong enough to have a home of her own with the on-going support of both Barnabus and her new Christian family at Church. Please pray for her and the other people we support with addictions.

## let's save funds

It's important for us to stay in touch, with our supporters, to let you know our plans and to give you ideas of how you, your friends and family can support, our work. We will always need to print newsletters but could you help us save on postage and let us have your email details instead? Please email Yvonne, confirming your full name and email details - [admin@barnabusmanchester.co.uk](mailto:admin@barnabusmanchester.co.uk)

**CAN YOU HELP** we need shampoo, conditioner, long-life semi skimmed milk, sugar, long-life fruit juice, chocolate and cereal bars, biscuits, pot noodles, tinned meat, bin bags, men's jeans, trainers, shoes coats, women's underwear, (new) sun tan lotion, blankets, **thank you**



# Allotment pride n' joy!

There has been a lot of excitement at our collaborative allotment recently; it's had a fabulous make-over and very soon it will even have our very own greenhouse.

Rain or shine, our collaborative allotment project with the Church of the Nazarene offers an uplifting and rewarding outdoor activity away from the Beacon, helping to build confidence, trust, skills, motivation and friendships. In recent months Siemens Manchester invited us to talk about our projects and chose to fundraise so that we would have enough money to buy a greenhouse and other equipment. We are so blessed; a greenhouse will provide a wonderful opportunity to grow and nurture seedlings, cuttings and grow a variety of new crops including tomatoes and cucumbers etc. All we need to do now is prepare the ground, choose a greenhouse and start construction - all with the help of Siemens of course! Olivia Whitlam, Corporate Citizenship Executive writes; "Here at Siemens in Manchester we have all thoroughly enjoyed the last 4 months of fundraising to enable Barnabus to buy a new Greenhouse for their allotment. This is not the first time we have worked with this excellent local charity, who are really a home grown wonder. But this year rather than just collecting donations of food, toiletries and sleeping bags to support the work the charity does in the hardest months of the year. We wanted to get behind some of the great work that Barnabus do to ensure the least well off amongst us not only survive the cold months but also have the opportunity to improve their lives in the future. Happy growing!"

If that wasn't enough, Business in the Community (BITC) introduced us to Investec (a specialist financial company) as part of BITC's National Give and Gain Day. The volunteering team from Investec were given a wish list of tasks which would help improve our allotment and increase our growing power! Unbelievably they decided to take on pretty much everything on our list; they worked all day chopping back bracken, clearing and creating a new compost area; they constructed two new raised beds and provided 3 x ton bags of premium soil as well as tools and feeds to make all of this happen. We're delighted with the results and our group couldn't wait to fill up the beds so that planting could begin.

"Investec has very much enjoyed supporting Barnabus and our involvement with the allotment in Longsight. Our experience with Business in the Community, including Give & Gain Day 2014, has been incredibly rewarding. The success stories of some of Barnabus' clients show that this kind of help and education can be life changing. We have absolutely no doubt that Carol's dedication and hard work in encouraging businesses to support Barnabus through volunteering has had been absolutely vital in helping these success stories become a reality." Investec Sustainability

Lee was homeless on and off for more than 9 years, he says; "I've had some really tough times, Barnabus has encouraged and helped me with so many different problems and I really enjoy gardening with them at the allotment. I get a lot out of it and like working outdoors. I've been off the drink for 3 months now, I live in a one bed flat and I've now got four part-time jobs; kitchen portering, in the shop at Marks and Spencer, forklift work at Asda. and my best job is working with handicapped kids at an allotment project in Debdale Park. I've taken level 1,2 and 3 in Horticulture because I enjoy it so much".



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If you have a website, you could support our work by including a link to our web page, Brick Appeal or Donate Now button. We can supply you with our logo, brief summary of our work and a link.

email [carol@barnabusmanchester.co.uk](mailto:carol@barnabusmanchester.co.uk) and if you're on facebook or twitter, follow us and tell your friends!



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