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diocese of hallam

promoting care and social action

JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

Caritas Counselling Service has been successful in obtaining a grant for a period of 2 years from the National Lottery. It means we will be able to deliver 1,000 extra hours of counselling across the whole of the Hallam Diocese, each year for the duration of the grant. The purpose of the grant is to support adults, children and their families struggling with the effects of the COVID pandemic



We at Caritas know how difficult it has been for families over the last 14 months with, job losses, bereavement, anxiety about the pandemic, home schooling. We have been working throughout this period harder than ever by offering remote counselling to those in need.

Bernie Ware, Assistant Director Caritas Hallam, said, "This grant will enable us to demonstrate even further how we can continue to support new and existing clients in order to restore their emotional health and well-being."

Congratulations to the Counselling Team!

We are delighted to be recognised as...

Most Dedicated Family Mental Health Service - South Yorkshire by the 2021 UK enterprise awards.



In addition to the work in sixteen schools, our counsellors delivered one hundred and eighty-eight counselling sessions in other settings during the second half of 2020. We are providing placements for three student counsellors from SPACE Academy and Doncaster College who will accrue practice hours to gain accreditation with their professional body.

Community Sponsorship is a Home Office programme which enables a community group to be directly involved in helping a refugee family resettle, legally and safely, in the UK.

A Steering Group was formed to promote Community Sponsorship within the Diocese. The initiative is supported by the Bishop Ralph and

Trustees who agreed to be Lead Sponsor, with Chris Kime their representative.

Following a number of zoom meetings, twenty-six people with a wide range of skills and experience from four Sheffield parishes and one Rotherham parish registered as volunteers.

The post of Group Lead was advertised within the group and following an interview, Eva Kaltenthaler was appointed. She will manage the volunteers and the project in partnership with the Lead Sponsor.

This is an exciting project and a 'first' for the Diocese of Hallam. If the application receives Home Office approval, this project will not only transform the life of a vulnerable family but it has the capacity to transform the lives of the parishes and parish volunteers who commit to the project.



Eva Kaltenthaler
Group Lead

Second grant from the Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation

Since January, working in partnership with the SVP and the Counselling Service through our schools, Caritas Hallam has allocated in excess of £20,000 to families. The Gubay grant has been used to alleviate food poverty and to help pay urgent bills.

Stuart Hanlon, Director of Caritas Hallam, said "I am extremely grateful to the Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation; we are seeing many families falling into poverty and this generous grant is making a huge difference."

One beneficiary said, "I had been so worried about not having enough food us. This is a godsend."

Carmel Care re opened in March for a small number of people for a few hours each week ensuring Covid compliance and that everyone was safe. On May 19th we enjoyed being closer together in the garden.



A welcome back event, courtesy of a grant from the Albert Gubay Foundation is planned for July.

Welcome to Raymond Friel, new Chief Executive of Catholic Social Action Network

His latest book, *The Formation of the Heart: Being a Socially Engaged Catholic in a post-Covid Society*, is due to be published in January 2022

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