

GROWING HOPE ALL YEAR AND AT CHRISTMAS

We are always delighted and so grateful for the extra help we receive at this time of year. From harvest-time and through until Christmas we receive many generous gifts of food and money to support our work of transforming the lives of those in need. In practice the work goes on throughout the year: moving people out of crisis towards not only helping themselves, but also joining in to help others. So much of the support we receive in this season keeps the work going into the new year. You can find out more about our work from our recently published **Annual Review**. This is available as an online booklet at :- www.flipsnack.com/TonyRichmond/hope-nottingham-annual-review.html . Please do have a read, be encouraged and consider supporting the work of Hope Nottingham this Christmas and beyond. **THANK YOU!**

Roy's Story (This is one extract from our Annual Review)

Roy first came to Hope House in the spring of 2016 for a food parcel. He was feeling pretty low, having been out of work for a very long time. By his own admission he had been drinking too much and he was struggling to pick himself up. Like everyone that comes to Hope House, we did our best to welcome him and help him beyond just providing food. Roy was very grateful for the food parcels and was eager to show it. Very soon he was helping us out, cleaning the floors and toilets regularly. He enjoyed having something to do and soon became part of the family. Our faith in Jesus Christ motivates all that we do and this appealed to Roy too and he placed his trust in Jesus too. In the autumn of 2017, Roy was one of several people in the community who enjoyed doing the Alpha course together, learning more about the Christian faith. Roy now says that he is amazed at how much his life has changed. We were also able to help prepare for employment, with mentoring support and by offering IT tuition. Roy was an eager student. He had been working towards an accreditation but something got in the way. He got a job! In the spring of 2017 he was offered a job with a fantastic employer LDC Stone Masons. Roy is really enjoying this work and a renewed life. Roy recommends Hope House to anyone, saying, **"TRY IT YOU'LL BE AMAZED!"**



REFUGEE SUPPORT IN GEDLING -UPDATE

Following initial exploratory sessions with churches in Arnold and Carlton, Hope Nottingham is aiming to help initiate community support and welcome for refugees and other immigrants in the Gedling area. Liaising closely with Nottingham City and Gedling Borough Councils, it is taking a little while to work out the details. Currently Nottingham City is funding some language classes based at the Beacon Hub in Kilissick and at Gedling Rd. Methodist Church in Carlton. **NEXT STEPS:-**

IN CARLTON – WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AT AN INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE CAFÉ? Please come along to a volunteers meeting at Main St Methodist Church, Mon 13TH Nov at 9.30am at Main St Methodist Church NG4 1EE. If you're interested in volunteering but can't come to this meeting please get in touch.

IN ARNOLD – We are going to wait until the council run language classes have got established so that we can establish the best time to run a language café. (possibly Thurs afternoons at the Beacon) Please look out for more information early in 2018.

Also: **An Opportunity for local churches and individuals to partner in investing in a house to accommodate refugees.** This would be managed by specialist charity Hope Into Action. If you would like to know more please contact Hope into Action: Richard.Meikle@hopeintoaction.org.uk

Foodbank Feast

A delicious three course meal prepared from foodbank ingredients and surplus fresh food from Tesco and Hope Community Allotment



7pm Saturday 18th November 2017

Hope House, Boundary Road Beeston

Tickets £15 – from hope@hopenottingham.org.uk or 0303 040 1110

Please book by 13th November



Presents A Concert of Christmas Songs

songs of hope, solos, duets & audience participation songs.

7.30 p.m. Saturday 9th December

at Hope House, Boundary Road

Beeston, NG9 2RF

Tickets available on the door only £5 or £15 for Families

Refreshments Provided

TESCO **FOODBANK**
COLLECTION
Every little helps **DAYS**

Thursday 30th Nov –

Sat 2nd Dec 9am-5pm

Could you volunteer for an hour more to help encourage and collect food donations from Tesco stores at Beeston, Toton or Carlton? If you'd like to help please get in touch with

sue.hillier@hopenottingham.org.uk

Reverse Advent with a Difference

Many people were very generous last year by adding a food donation to their collection box each day throughout advent and then bringing their wonderful gifts to us. We do receive a so much food at Christmas time, it is wonderful!! And quite hard to store it all!! It helps us enormously if any Christmas food donations are received by 15th December. If you would like to help with other aspects of our work, providing employment support and training, befriending and emotional support then money donations are vital. Could you please consider a small cash donation perhaps 25p per day for each day of advent and Christmas Day.

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