



Dear Amy,

Welcome to our Christmas newsletter and thank you for your wonderful support over the year. Our work is focussed on helping parents and children to overcome challenges and thrive in their future - without you we simply would not be able to deliver our vital group work programme. We provide practical and emotional support to children and families in South London and East Surrey.

This has been another busy year and in 2018 we:

- Helped 627 individual children and families with personalised practical and emotional support
- Supported a further 900 families who attended groups, programmes or activities
- Showcased digital stories from young people in Lambeth exploring their feelings and emotions - we hosted an event at The Ritzy in Brixton at the request of the young people who took part in the project. **[Find out more here.](#)**
- Received a London Faith & Community Award for our MySpace programme. **[Click read more.](#)**

- Re-launched our work in Greenwich with the support of BBC Children In Need, Leathersellers' Company & The William Wates Memorial Trust
- Ran a residential week for young people in the Lake District to build confidence, resilience and increase emotional wellbeing. [Read the full story here.](#)
- Refreshed [our Vision, Mission and Values](#) and launched our [2018-2021 Strategic](#)

Our staff, volunteers and supporters have been especially busy over the last few weeks to ensure that the children and families we serve have the very best Christmas possible. Our Toy C events in Bromley and Redhill promote self-worth and dignity by enabling parents to select the most appropriate gift for their child. These events would not be possible without fantastic support from local churches and companies especially Willis Towers Watson and Property World can read more about [our event in Redhill here.](#)

As we look ahead to 2019 I am especially mindful that our team of staff and volunteers in Surrey are continuing to prioritise the needs of local children and families at a time of great uncertainty. Surrey County Council have earmarked 37 Children's Centres across the county for closure and although we have been highlighted as a centre that they wish to retain, the council are consulting until 4th January 2019 regarding the future. We are hopeful that the outcome of the consultation will give us more clarity about the way forward and may provide opportunities for new approaches and ways of working with the children and families who need extra support. Please [click here](#) to find out more about the consultation.

Finally, in 2019 we celebrate our 125th Anniversary. It provides a platform to chronicle how we have always work always has and always will adapt to the changing needs of society. We plan to tell our most inspiring stories of the children and families whose lives have been transformed by our support and of those who made this possible. In May we will launch a digital fundraising campaign **#capeability** focussing on encouraging children and young people to use their personal skills to look after themselves and others. The campaign will culminate in a special service of Thanksgiving in Southwark cathedral at 11am on Saturday 15th June 2019 – please put it in your new calendar now!

Thank you all for your help, donations and support throughout the year to make all our work, activities and group work programmes possible

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2019 from everyone at Welc

Best wishes,



Anna Khan
Chief Executive

Donate today 

Key Dates

Carol Singing at The Glades, Bromley

19th December 2018, 5-7pm

Carol Singing at The Anglers Pub, Richmond

19th December 2018, 8pm

Lent

6th March-18th April 2019

Mothering Sunday

31st March 2019

#capeability campaign

May-June 2019

125th Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving

15th June 2019

Virgin British

London 10k Run

21st July 2019



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Our vision is of a world where every child and family is respected, included and resilient to overcome challenges in life.

Welcare is a charity based on Christian values, working in South London and East Surrey. We strive to empower families with children up to the age of 13 by offering practical and emotional support to overcome challenges and change lives for the better.



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