welcare strengthening families since 1894 Summer 2019 news

Welcome to our Summer 2019 newsletter.

We have had a busy few months in the build up to our 125th Anniversary celebration, launching our new CapeAbility fundraising campaign which looks to a bright future, alongside reminiscing over Welcare's colourful history.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our Service of Thanksgiving on 15th June, to celebrate 125 years of Welcare. Please do encourage friends, colleagues and family to join us at Southwark Cathedral. The service will include many wonderful contributions from young people including traditional choral music, steel pans and a vibrant interpretive dance.

I also hope you will join us after the Service for refreshments and the opportunity to collect a copy of our new brochure featuring stories based on real life experiences of our staff, volunteers and the families they help. This narrative complied by Jo Josh, a volunteer from East Surrey, vividly describes how the charity has developed to meet the changing needs of society. I am indebted to Jo for her tenacity, creativity and sense of humour in creating a document we hope will pay tribute to the wonderful work of the charity over 125 vears.

I am also delighted to report that we have renewed our Investing in Volunteers accreditation until 2022 which is the UK quality standard for volunteer management and support. I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all our volunteers past and present for everything you do for the life of the charity and the children and families we support. Your time, ideas and commitment are all appreciated.

With thanks, as ever, for your ongoing support,

Anna Khan, Welcare CEO



Key Dates

Welcare's 125th Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving Southwark Cathedral - Saturday 15th June, 11am

> **#TeamWelcare Asics London 10k** London - Sunday 21st July

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CapeAbility campaign Welcare's newest (and most fun) fundraising campaign has launched for summer 2019! CapeAbility is centred on the themes of Thrive, Care & Inspire, and is designed to be delivered in schools and junior church groups.



Playlink celebrates 16th birthday Playlink in East Surrey hosted its own 16th birthday party last month, in an afternoon enjoyed by Welcare staff and service users alike



Mental Health in Young People

For Mental Health Awareness Week, Anna Khan, Welcare CEO, gave a talk at St Mary with St Alban, Teddington, as part of a series of local 'Tedd talks'. Anna's talk focussed on the work of Welcare with vulnerable children and families, emphasising that "external appearances can tell you very little about the struggles someone faces behind closed doors."

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