





## Winter News 2019

Welcome to our Christmas newsletter, our last opportunity to thank you for your magnificent support over the last twelve months.

This has been another busy year and in 2019 our main achievements were:

- Providing help and support to 762 families through
- individual one-to-one or group work programmes.

• Demonstrating a positive impact with 84% of the children and families supported.

• Celebrating 125 years dedicated to giving children a brighter future through a Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving in Southwark Cathedral and recorded our story in a special commemorative booklet <u>Welcare: 1894 to 2019</u>. Please let us know if you would like a copy posted to you.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for continuing to work with us to support children and families in South London and East Surrey. Everyone who receives this newsletter has offered time through volunteering, fundraising and prayer, enabling us to fulfill the mission and aims that marked our beginning in 1894.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2020 from everyone at Welcare.

Best wishes



Anna Khan, Welcare CEO

## **KEY DATES**

Saturday 14th December 2019 Annual Sparkling Christmas Tree Festival More information



Sunday, 15th December 2019 Christmas Crackers More information

Wednesday, 18th December 2019 Carol singing More information

Thursday, 19th December 2019 Carols at the Anglers More information



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## **Top Stories**



When I wrote last Christmas I was mindful that our child and family support services in East Surrey faced an uncertain future. The good news is that Welcare in East Surrey will continue to serve the local community as the new Family Centre for Redhill supporting families with children up to the age of 11. We will also continue to run our charitable services supported by donations, local churches and charitable trusts. For more information about our full range of services with children and families in East Surrey click on the following link <u>Welcare Family Centre, Redhill</u>.



#### Bethany's story

#CapeAbility

I wanted to share with you Bethany's story – a real case study which shows the transformation of the life of one little girl who attended our MySpace course. Domestic abuse is the most common reason for a parent to contact Welcare and Bethany's story shows how we work best in partnership with others. In this case our staff and volunteers worked with ESDAS the East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service to transform the life of Bethany, her mother and siblings. To read the full story click on the following link <u>Bethany's story</u>.



As we look ahead to 2020 we need your help promoting our #CapeAbility campaign to schools and junior churches. The campaign uses real case studies and bible stories to encourage positive mental health and well-being for children and young people and raise awareness of our work amongst a new generation of supporters. The campaign will run between May and June 2020. Click on the following link <u>#CapeAbility</u> for further details, examples of lesson plans and to register your interest.

### Keep in touch

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