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Welcome to our June 2020 newsletter

We are living through a world-wide crisis where so much has happened in the past few weeks that it feels like we've all lived a lifetime. First, I want to thank you for your magnificent support of our recent appeals, specifically for helping to raise over £8000, enabling us to buy supermarket vouchers for families in need. Read more about this and how we continue to access grant funding to help families below.



I also want to share the ways our staff team have adapted our programmes to deliver support more flexibly whilst focusing on those for whom social distancing and the closure of schools has exacerbated existing tensions and hardship. Read below as Debbie, our Family Support Worker in SW London shares her experiences and details of our online group for parents to discuss their anxieties and hopes while explaining the positive benefits of a return to school.

I know you will share with me in wishing our Inner London Manager, Hannah Franklin, well as she prepares to leave Welcare for a new challenge, working with young people as a social worker in Croydon. [Hannah shares her reflections](#) on the development of our work in Inner London and I would like to thank her for her imagination and tenacity re-establishing our services in Lambeth and Southwark.

I wanted to pay a personal tribute to Judy Rambridge, a loyal friend and supporter and Secretary of Bromley Parish Reps, who sadly died in April whilst on holiday in Sri Lanka.

Finally I would like to ask for your support to encourage your family, friends, churches and community groups to [subscribe to our newsletter](#) and follow us on social media via the buttons below. Welcare, in common with other charities will need to work hard over the coming months to generate new income to replace the fundraising and events that have been cancelled. Find out more about [all the ways you can help](#) on our website.

With thanks for your magnificent support and very best wishes from all the staff and trustees,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Khan'.

Anna Khan, Welcare CEO

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OUR LATEST NEWS



Family Support in South West London

Debbie Eldridge, Family Support Worker in our South West London Centre, shares her experience working with families during the Lockdown.



Keeping families connected

Bea, a single mother of 2, was referred to Welcare to access our MySpace programme. When lockdown began, Bea began to feel isolated and reached out to ask for help.



Foodbags in East Surrey

Staff and volunteers at Welcare in East Surrey have had their hands full recently, with more demand than ever for food and basic supplies for local families.

To see more of our news from 2020 [click here](#).

In Memory of Judy Rambridge

Judy was Secretary of Parish Reps in Bromley and one of our most loyal and steadfast supporters, she will be missed by all at Welcare.

Judy is pictured (far right) cheering #TeamWelcare alongside our staff in the Asics London 10k 2018.

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