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strengthening families since 1894

Dear Friends,

With International Women's Day on Monday and Mothering Sunday just around the corner, we are celebrating the vital contribution of our female staff and supporters. Over 90% of our dedicated staff are women and I am incredibly proud of their hard work and flexibility in providing practical and emotional support to families in need.



Many of you have heard me talk about the origins of Welcare founded in 1894 when the problems faced by young women were about survival in a society where their very place was circumscribed by their gender and where pregnancy and single motherhood combined with poverty pushed them to the margins of society. It was this need that was recognised by visionary and compassionate Christians and the 'Diocesan Association for the Care of Friendless Girls' was founded amplifying the voices calling for a practical response to poverty and inequality in South London and East Surrey. We continue their legacy today and this is why I am sharing a feature on our practical response and recent [Families In Crisis Appeal](#). In this issue of the newsletter, we have also highlighted our [partnership with two schools in Bromley](#) to support families.

One of the privileges of my role is getting to know our long-standing and incredibly committed supporters. All have had interesting and full lives combined with public and community service. On behalf of everyone involved in our work I include a [tribute to Reverend Jean Griffiths](#) who died in February and share with you [just some of the ways](#) our supporters (including the men!) have continued to generate income and fellowship throughout this most extra-ordinary year.

With thanks for your continued support, please share our news, and if you need a printable version of this newsletter for a church or school noticeboard you can access this [here](#).

On behalf of all our staff and trustees I would like to thank you for your continued support of our work. Take care,

Anna Khan,
Welcare CEO

OUR LATEST NEWS



[Families in Crisis fund](#)



[Busy in Bromley](#)

Despite the challenges



[Fundraising achievements](#)

One thing that has stood out to our teams in the last year is the real range of challenges different families face. By introducing our own fund we have been able to allocate funds at our own discretion, working closely with the families who need them

presented by the current pandemic, Welcare in Bromley have continued to actively support children, young people and families over the past year. Working closely with local schools and partner agencies, we've provided support for 34 families.

through the pandemic

As 2020 brought about many changes in day to day life for the nation, our supporters found ways to get creative with their fundraising. We look back on the innovative ways Welcare supporters have continued to help raise funds for our users.

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



Case study: Parenting Puzzle

Children's Services referred mum Charlotte* to us when she was struggling with her son Alfie's challenging behaviour. Welcare intervened with a five week 1:1 Parenting Puzzle course, working in partnership with the refuge where the two were staying, to build Charlotte's confidence and self-esteem. Charlotte told us about her experience.

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