

Annual Review

2023–2024



Welcome



**Fionnuala Hegarty,
Chair of Board of
Trustees**

2023 –24 has been another busy and fruitful year for FHC as we seek to live out Pope Francis’ direction to be a missionary, synodal Church.

As you can see in this years review, all our work is a response to the needs of the vulnerable and marginalised, through care for the elderly and the disabled, including supported living; fostering; working with schools to support families; providing accommodation and accompaniment to individuals experiencing homelessness; providing advice and practical support to people seeking refuge from war, famine and terror and supporting people to rebuild their lives.

Partnership is central to our mission and our work continues to be blessed by the support of a number of parishes, corporate sponsors, communities, schools and the many volunteers who make a real difference every day.



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OF BIRMINGHAM

We work closely with the Archdiocese of Birmingham and our aim for the future is to nurture and grow the “participation and co-responsibility” central to synodality. We are developing a “tool-kit” to promote and facilitate the work of parishes in living out their mission of Catholic Social Action.

I hope you will be inspired by the stories here to get involved, either directly within a FHC setting or to consider developing a project in your own parish or parish cluster. There is so much need – please help us to continue to respond to this need.

Welcome to the Father Hudson’s Care 2023–24 annual review.

We are proud of the number of services we have delivered this year across our five themes: older people, homelessness, disability, children and families, refugees and asylum seekers. Through our dedicated staff and volunteers, we have provided compassion and care, making a difference to the lives of so many people.

Our mission continues to be guided by Catholic Social Teaching and Christs command. ‘to love one another as I have loved you.’ We welcome people of all faiths and none and live out our values of being inclusive, respectful and challenging injustice.

As you read this report you will see that the number of people who need our support and the complexity of the issues are growing. Father Hudson’s Care continues to respond and adapt to ensure we are delivering what is needed in a sustainable way.

2023/24 has been a period of change. I am preparing this introduction on behalf of the outgoing CEO, Andy Quinn, who we have said a fond farewell to after 20 years working at FHC. Under Andy’s leadership we have thrived as a social care agency, a legacy I will continue. As FHC Head of Community Projects for the last 9 years, I am honoured to be the new CEO and look forward to delivering our strategic aims on behalf of the Trustees into 2024/25 and beyond.



**Joanne Watters,
CEO**

This report is a summary of just some of our achievements this year. Please do visit www.fatherhudsons.org.uk to find out more.

Our services and projects



Our work supports people in need across the Archdiocese of Birmingham across five main themes. We develop projects and services in partnership with parishes, organisations and in response to the needs we see in the communities and parishes we serve, work and live in.



Homelessness

Tabor Living and **Fatima House** provide a safe home and support for people who have experienced homelessness or who are vulnerable. We work with our tenants and guests to develop the skills and confidence to live independently.



Disability

Our Disability services, **St Catherine's Bungalows, Coleshill Day Services** and **Domiciliary Care and Supported Living** provide support based on an individual's needs while maximising their choice and enjoyment of life.



Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migrants

Our **Brushstrokes Community Project**, **Sophia House**, **Nicolas Barré House** and the **Ukrainian Refugee Hosting Project** 'Welcome the Stranger' supports people to feel safe and secure as they settle into life in the UK.



Older People

In **St Joseph's Care Home** we care for older people and those with dementia, offering a range of engaging activities and responsive care. Our **Young at Heart** project builds communities and reduces loneliness for over 50s in North Staffordshire, through lunch clubs and social activities.

Children and Families



New Routes Fostering recruits, trains and supports foster carers to provide a secure, happy environment for children in need. Our **Family Support Service** gives whole family support through times of difficulty. **Origins** helps a person find out about their family of origin and supports them with the emotional impact.

Supporting Refugees, Migrants and

Brushstrokes Community Project

Brushstrokes Community Project is based in Smethwick and offers a holistic service to asylum seekers, refugees and migrants across Sandwell, Dudley, West Birmingham and surrounding areas.

This year we have supported...

4264 individuals

from

129 nationalities

**Speaking 61
languages**



Volunteering at Brushstrokes

- 92 active volunteers
- 44 new volunteers - 75% with lived experience of migration

Advice cases

- 3898 new advice cases
- Immigration, Housing, Benefits and Asylum support most common

Learning English

- 308 learners attended ESOL classes
- 110 migrant health professionals attended higher level English classes

- **15,223** food provisions through our foodbank
- Harvested the first crops from our community garden.



We have contributed to:

- Migrant women's experience of maternity care and housing (Empowering Cities)
- Commission on the Integration of Refugees

Partnership working

Brushstrokes Community Project is a partnership with the Infant Jesus Sisters, the parish of St Philip Neri and the sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd. This year we have also worked in partnership with the organisations below.



Refugee and Migrant Centre

- Wellbeing support for resettled refugees
- Dudley Refugee and Migrant advice hub



St Chad's Sanctuary

Hotel outreach and advice in Birmingham



AFSCSG

Specialist counselling and wellbeing services for adults and young people

Asylum Seekers

Sophia House

Sophia House is a partnership with the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd and St Brigid's parish in Birmingham. It provides safe and supportive accommodation for up to 3 female refugees or migrants.



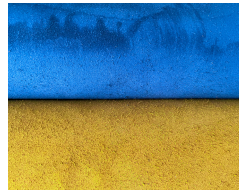
- 3 women and a young baby lived in Sophia House
- 2 women and the child moved on to independent tenancies
- 2 bedrooms redecorated and new furniture provided



Thank you to Paul for completing the Great Birmingham Run and raising £180 for Sophia House.

Ukraine Refugee Hosting Project

This year we have continued to support the remaining 20 active hosts of Ukrainian families. All future new referrals are being sent to the national St John of God (SJOG Hospitaller Services) Homes for Ukraine scheme, who are members of CSAN (Catholic Social Action network).



Nicolas Barré House



Nicolas Barré House is a partnership between Brushstrokes Community Project and St John Henry Newman parish in Willenhall.

It opened in October 2023 to provide affordable accommodation for up to 5 single male refugees, with the house being fully occupied by March 2024.

Archbishop Bernard Longley opened and blessed the house in January 2024, with tenants planting a tree.



Brushstrokes provides housing, integration and employment support, and volunteer befrienders from St John Henry Newman parish help the tenants feel part of a community.



Children and Families



New Routes Fostering is a not for profit fostering agency. We provide support to our Foster Carers to enable children and young people to grow and thrive. We do this by recruiting, training, and supporting Foster Carers who can open their

hearts and their homes to children and young people unable to live with their birth families.

14 approved carer households

20 children and young people placed with carers
- 6 sibling groups of 13 children and 7 single child

Our aim is that each child is supported, guided and encouraged to reach their full potential in all areas of their lives

Our psychotherapist offers group sessions and one to one support with foster carers and young people. 9 carers have completed 5 days extensive therapeutic training in the last year.



We arrange trips out and workshops for our children, they went to the theatre to see the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe and had a drumming workshop.

Jo and Nicola took part in a Fostering Walk in Brueton Park during Foster Care Fortnight.

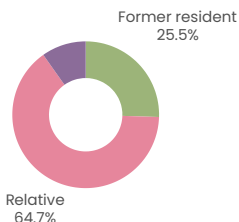


Origins: Support after adoption and care

The Origins service provides support for those who have been impacted by childhood separation from their family of origin through adoption or by being in care.

This year we have been commissioned again by Minnow Films for tracing and intermediary services for its TV series DNA Family Secrets Series 3. We have also contributed to the Improving Adoption Services for Adults (IASA) project in partnership with the University of East Anglia.

51 requests relating to previous residents of our children's homes



"this has helped me make peace with my origins"

51 new requests to Origins for services connected to those previously in our children's homes

13 by the person who had been in a children's home
33 by a relative
5 by a non-related person

Children and Families

Schools Family Support

18 schools
7 Family Support workers
and 1 Team Manager
194 cases opened
208 hours of drop in
crisis support
11-13 months average
time supported

Family Support Service in Schools' is embedded in 18 Catholic schools in Birmingham, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Stoke on Trent and Banbury. In the past year one new school joined our service and one school has doubled the level of support they receive.

The benefits to schools are enormous and the service addresses a wide range of issues and adversity such as parenting, domestic abuse, poverty, housing, debt, bereavement school attendance issues and mental health concerns.

Seaside trips to Rhyl and Weston-Super-Mare

In August 2023, Father Hudson's fully funded and organised coach trips to Weston-Super-Mare and Rhyl for all of the children and families. Through support from other organisations, we were also able to give out pocket money for the children to buy an ice cream. For some children this was their first ever visit to the seaside! Our Family Support Workers accompanied and supported the trips, which were a huge success!

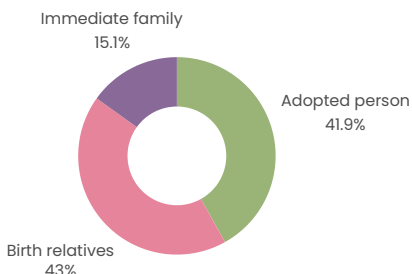


"Cannot thank you enough for today. It was such a fab day and the boys have absolutely loved it! They were so grateful for the spending money as well. You and your team are amazing! Thank you so much for your kindness, help and support always."

Origins: Support after adoption and care

Our adoption support services are increasingly being sought, to help reunite people who had been separated by adoptions that were arranged anywhere in England and Wales down the years, regardless of where in the world people have moved to, with many successful reunions despite both having moved continents and decades apart.

272 new requests for adoption support



272 new requests to Origins for adoption support services

114 by the adopted person
41 by the adopted person's immediate family
117 by birth relatives of the adopted person

"I'm brimming with joy"
"I'm so happy, I could dance a jig"

Schools and Parishes



Margot Scotford and Jo Goulding are our Schools and Parish Engagement Officers. They build relationships with schools and parishes in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, helping to raise awareness about our projects and services and encourage schools to raise money for us.



Our Good Shepherd Appeal runs throughout Lent, with Margot and Jo visiting schools across the Archdiocese. In Lent 2024, along with our Head of Fundraising, Communications and Marketing Kevin, they reached 101 primary schools and delivered 107 assemblies.

We invite schools to celebrate Good Shepherd Masses with us in May and June in Birmingham, Coventry, Worcester, Wolverhampton, Cowley and Newcastle-under-Lyme.



Darcie's Litter Pick

Darcie was inspired to fundraise for us after a Good Shepherd assembly at St Edward's in Coleshill. She litter picked in the town and nearby villages, raising £530 for us. Thank you Darcie!



Mr Eagles climbs Everest

Our Good Shepherd Appeal reached new heights this year, with Mr Eagles from St Wulstan's in Newcastle-under-Lyme reaching Mount Everest's Base Camp to raise funds for us. What an amazing achievement!



We relaunched Walk a Mile with the support of Archbishop Bernard Longley. The appeal is aimed at secondary schools and encourages students to walk a mile in the shoes of people with different life experiences. The Holy Spirit MAC held a Big Sleep Out for their students to learn more about homelessness and raised £4,710.



Pledge £1

This is a new appeal launched this year, with the Birmingham Diocesan Education Service encouraging schools to pledge £1 for each pupil at their school to support our work as the social care agency of the Archdiocese. We are incredibly grateful for the support of schools who have signed up.



St Andrew's in Solihull held a Crazy Hair Day for Pledge £1

Corporate Supporters and Fundraisers

Our work would not be possible without the support of businesses, organisations, parishes and individuals. Together, we achieve more than we could alone. Businesses and organisations have lent us their expertise, generously donated time to help us grow and reach more people in need. We have been overwhelmed at harvest and Christmas by collections of food and presents that people have kindly donated.

Fundraisers take on challenges and literally walk over hot coals for us. For many of you a personal connection to our work inspired you, and we have featured many fantastic fundraisers in this review – thank you.

Firewalk April 2023

We started off hot with our first ever Firewalk, raising a grand total of £15,500. Paul Dukes–Thomas raised £2,045, with his Dad an Old Boy who had been in one of our children's homes and remembered playing in the same field.



Paul Thomas started our Firewalk, with his son Paul Dukes–Thomas walking.



May 2023

Matt Bailey ran the Essar Chester half marathon.



Fundraising Ball March 2024



Our Fundraising Ball came back with a bang in March 2024 at St John's Hotel in Solihull, with £7,400 raised for Brushstrokes.



November November 2023

Mr Vidaurri, a teacher at Archbishop Ilesley Secondary School, grew out his moustache and raised over £350!

Parishes, businesses and Coleshill School supported our Christmas appeal, collecting toys and food for families.

Christmas Appeal 2023



Our Values in Action

We seek excellence

In September 2023 a team of staff and volunteers from **Brushstrokes** headed to Birmingham Hippodrome for the awards ceremony of BBC WM Radio Make a Difference Awards.

They were nominated in the Community Group category and won! Their immediate response was 'Just wow!'. Dave, Brushstrokes Manager, said later on, "I'm delighted to be able to say that Brushstrokes won the Make a Difference Community Group award last night. You should all be immensely proud of all you do."



We challenge injustice



With the support of Access Social Care (ASC) we challenged Local Authority funding for our **St Catherine's Bungalows** resident Paul.

His care had been underpaid for years and with the support of ASC representative Julie Hinnigan, the Local Authority agreed to double the amount and provide back pay. This means Paul can now stay at St Catherine's, we can afford to provide the level of support he needs, and our service is more sustainable.

We are inclusive

Our Domiciliary Care and Supported Living Service help their tenants to spend time doing things they enjoy. Kris, one of their team, built a workstation for Peter to make 'Twokkers' - a weeding tool.

Megan set up a home in the shared garden for an extra tenant, Happy the hedgehog, and bought mealworms for it to eat.

Rich has loved skiing since he was a child and won two Gold medals in the Special Olympics in Italy in January 2024.



Our **New Routes Fostering** agency has a Children's Fostering panel. A fostering applicant made cardboard models with two fostered children as part of her interview process. She was nervous, while the children were excited and buzzing with energy.

To say thank you for the children's time we gave them science kits which they opened and enjoyed when they got home.

We are respectful





Our Values



Our **Young at Heart** project works in partnership with other local organisations to support older people. We received Creative Lives funding, alongside the Beth Johnson Foundation, MHA Communities North Staffs and the LGBT Older Peoples group to work towards a common goal – **to combat loneliness and strengthen resilience in ageing communities.**

Our **Know Your Neighbour** celebration at Port Vale stadium was the final of a handful of events, with each organisation delivering different activities. We held intergenerational cooking sessions, Beth Johnson Foundation covered clay making for all ages, MHA Communities delivered Indian cooking sessions and the Older People LGBT group held singing workshops, focusing on **positive mental health and togetherness.**

We are collaborative



We work with people's strengths

Zena from our **Family Support** team worked with a young person who was struggling in school and getting into trouble.

Zena built a good relationship with Mum and son and advocated for them in meetings with school.

The young person saw Zena weekly and because he trusted her he shared news and problems.

One of which was finding a work experience placement. She found out he was good with his hands and found a placement at a local garage. He excelled during his placement and when Zena visited he said 'I'm so good here Zena.' To nurture this interest and enthusiasm Zena arranged for day release from school to continue his work at the garage and he is starting a full time apprenticeship there in 2024.



Tabor Living supports people who are moving on from homelessness. Their team of staff and volunteers use a strengths based approach, seeing each person as an individual and providing a psychologically informed environment.

We are compassionate



In turn, Tabor Living has benefitted from the compassion of others, with the local parish of St Catherine of Siena offering their Presbytery as a new home and many corporate supporters including Friel Homes, M. Lambe Construction and School Signs contributing to the renovation, while giving our guests the opportunity to learn valuable construction skills.

Supporting People with Disabilities

We have three services supporting people with disabilities: Domiciliary Care and Supported Living, Coleshill Day Services and St Catherine's Bungalows.

Domiciliary Care and Supported Living

15 tenants are supported in housing we own, with one client supported in his own home. We are funded by the Local Authority or Independent Care Boards to provide care and support. We help tenants develop independent living skills by managing risk, practicing skills and building confidence. This takes place in their home and in the community through volunteering, accessing sports and leisure facilities and trips out to places like Birmingham Dogs Home.



Adrian Southall Communal Room

We have been fundraising for a communal space in St Vincent's for years and in November our Adrian Southall communal room had its Grand Opening, with Adrian's parents Jacqui and Jeff cutting the ribbon.

Our tenants have already enjoyed using the room, playing games and having Christmas dinner there. Thank you to Adrian's parents for joining us, we hope you are proud of how Adrian's legacy lives on.

We love celebrating Christmas! This year we dressed up as people from the Nativity and sang 'Comfort and Joy' at Father Hudson's Advent Service.



St Catherine's Bungalows



Annie went to Centre Parcs with Shaylah and Tina to celebrate her 75th birthday

Our bungalows are home to 16 people with complex care and support needs. We encourage our residents to join in with varied opportunities, go with them on holiday and short breaks, and have active social lives. We welcome residents' families being involved in care planning for their loved ones where possible.

Supporting People with Disabilities

Coleshill Day Services

23 people attend the day service on a daily basis from Warwickshire, Birmingham and Solihull. The activities we provide are designed to maximise our clients potential to join in with daily living tasks, make new friends and have fun. At our centre we have a sensory room, hydrotherapy pool and kitchen. We also go into the community to try ice skating, visit the cinema and try to score a strike at the bowling alley. Our service provides a valuable and much needed respite for families and carers.

Achievements and highlights

- Reopened our hydrotherapy pool which had been closed since 2020 due to Covid
- Began work on our Sensory Garden
- Fundraising through table top sales and our Christmas Fayre



Charity of the Year

Twin Rivers Women's Institute chose Coleshill Day Services as their Charity of the Year in March 2023.

They raised £1835 for us over the year, by holding a quiz at a full Coleshill Town Hall, a stall at our summer fair and a tombola at Coleshill Christmas Market.

We are incredibly grateful to them for their support and enthusiasm – thank you!



We believe strongly that a person's disability should not prevent them living a fulfilling life and we support them to live life to its fullest.

Achievements and highlights

- We took part in Wheel and Walk with other disability and advocacy charities in June 2023
- Our kitchen in Bungalow 1 was completely renovated to be more open plan. This makes it easier to chat to residents, cook and bake together.

Zoe, who works in the Bungalows, fundraised for a new sensory room for Bungalow 1 by climbing Snowdon and raised £3,120 – an incredible achievement, thank you!



Sarah Jane and Sharon at Wheel and Walk in Cannon Hill Park

Homelessness



Tabor Living provides accommodation and support to those experiencing or at risk of homelessness. We have 9 staff and over 60 volunteers who use a strengths-based approach with guests.



New Home

In April 2023 Tabor Living moved to their new home in St Catherine of Siena. It doubled our capacity with 9 emergency rooms and 10 move-on ensuite rooms. We welcomed Mayor Andy Street and Archbishop Bernard to officially open the site.



Achievements and highlights

- 21 individuals provided a safe place to stay and welcome from our staff and volunteers
- 11 guests had a positive move on to independent sustainable living
- 7 guests moved from emergency rooms to move-on stage on first floor
- 4 guests supported into work, and one secured a highly competitive 6 week placement



Community Rooms

A bonus of our new location is having community rooms. We have the Friel Room, which you can see here being used for a thank you Italian dinner for contractors who worked on the renovation and first aid training.



Charity of the Year

CECA Midlands chose Tabor Living as their Charity of the Year. They transformed our outside space, giving their time, skills and experience worth over £65,000. Their Annual Award dinner at the Burlington Hotel in Birmingham raised £1982 before Gift Aid. Thank you so much for your support.



Homelessness

Ben's story

Our Good Shepherd Appeal focused on homelessness this year, with Ben from Tabor Living starring in a short video. He spoke about how Tabor Living stopped him from rough sleeping when he returned to the UK after time spent abroad.

We provided Ben a home, where he felt safe, could shower and clean his clothes, cooked dinner and organised social activities for him to join. He's extremely thankful for having a roof over his head and our help to get out of a bad situation.



Fatima House

Fatima House is a collaborative project with the Columban Missionaries, a local parish, Caritas Archdiocese of Birmingham, St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Archdiocese of Birmingham. The project provides accommodation for up to 9 women in need of protection, including those who are asylum seekers in Birmingham.

Four active volunteers, managed by the Columban Missionaries, are available each day. As well as providing a home women can access wellbeing activities, socialise in the communal areas, develop IT skills and keep in touch with family and friends in the IT suite.



- 5 residents moved back on to asylum support
- 2 former residents received their leave to remain
- Distributed £3,000 of donated food and toiletries among residents
- £9,875 from the Destitution Fund given to Fatima House residents

Antonella and Davide from the Food Angels in St Ambrose Barlow parish bought in generous donations of food and toiletries. They collected between October and December and the women at Fatima House were very grateful for them.



'Building a sense of community among the members of the Fatima family'.

Mauricio Silva, project co-ordinator

Achievements and highlights

- Joint Celebration of Eid, Easter and Vaisakhi. The dates for these celebrations overlapped, and with Muslim, Sikh and Orthodox Christians in the house we had a joint celebration of the festivals. Visitors from the parish and the partnering organisations joined us for a joyful sharing of exquisite food and drink prepared by residents.
- Fatima House has received support from Refugee Action to increase the advisory capacity of the project and to develop and Experts by Experience Programme. Three volunteers have completed Level 1 Asylum and Protection training, and two completed Facilitation Skills training.

Eid Mubarak



Older People

St Joseph's Care Home

St Joseph's Care Home is a 59 bed care home, caring for older people. We have four wings, with three of these home to people with varying degrees and types of dementia. We provide nurturing, compassionate care with activities in the care home and trips out to local garden centres and places of interest. We offer our residents a home for life and welcome family and friends into the home for birthday parties and celebrations.

Achievements and highlights

- Introduced a new digital care record system.
- Our staff and residents enjoyed the Summer Fair in St Joseph's garden.
- Continued visits with local nursery.
- Celebrated Christmas with parties on each wing and Easter with a surprise visitor!

Our team go all out at Christmas to make it an occasion to remember, dressing up and going on visits to local attractions. Nothing beats that first cup of tea on Christmas Day! Jaffa the naughty elf caused chaos through December, including hitching a ride on Rona!

Fantastic fundraisers



Team St Joes – Annie, Chelsea, Debbie, Annie, Pete, Pauline and Liz took on our Firewalk, raising £2,216.30.



We introduced Employee of the Month in March, with Emma and Sharron our first winners



The Easter bunny popped in with eggs for residents



Nursery visits



Older People

Young at Heart

Based in North Staffordshire, the Young at Heart group supports isolated and lonely people by providing social activities including lunch clubs, music clubs, friendship based and groups focused on dementia inclusion. We work in partnership with the Beth Johnson Foundation and Methodist Homes. We also offer a befriending service for people who find it difficult to access our groups in the community.

**78 volunteers supporting
over 400 older people
Four new groups opened
4 active befrienders and 5
clients**

Achievements and highlights

- Ran our first volunteer day trip to Llandudno to say thank you to our committed volunteers.
- Enjoyed day trips out to Freeport, Shugborough, Bridgemere, Dagfields, The Hollybush Garden Centre, Trentham Gardens and Formby Beach.



Know Your Neighbourhood event

We received funding from Creative Lives to run 10 intergenerational cooking sessions over the summer holidays, reaching 40 people. Our partners Beth Johnson Foundation, Methodist Homes Association, and North Midlands Older Peoples LGBT group joined us for a celebration at Port Vale stadium which had over 250 people attending.



Our Team

- We expanded our team with a HR Advisor to work in Community Projects and departments based in St George's House.
- Successfully planned, designed and launched our first employee engagement survey.
- Created an online version of the Disclosure Barring Service form which has led to quicker and more accurate returns.



Staff training and development

- Built a strong link with Arden University and the Apprenticeship Centre with 3 managers enrolled on Level 7 Senior Leader and executive MBA Apprenticeships and we recruited a Level 3 Business Administration Apprentice.
- Continued investment in staff learning and development. Rob Legge (training consultant) delivered 'Managing Difficult Conversations', 'Supervisions', and 'Just Managing' for various departments.

Investing in the future

Established strong relationships with educational establishments and other organisations, attending careers fairs at the following places:

- Grace Academy
- Fairfax Academy
- John Henry Newman
- Plantsbrook School
- NHS Refugee job show at St Andrews football ground

234 volunteers supported over 4,664 people across our community projects

Volunteers

- Brushstrokes held a volunteer fair in March 2024 and Tabor Living held regular volunteer open days through the year.
- Welcomed corporate volunteers for one off volunteering days.

Tabor Living celebrated Volunteers' Week with a walk



Volunteer offers a moment of connection at Young at Heart



Brushstrokes held a BBQ for volunteers



Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

A big thank you our EDI group – Abi, Alex, Andrew, Ashley, Beth, Caroline, Dave, Hardeep, Jo, Kerry, Sonia and Zena.

Our New Routes team looked at what diversity means to them



Achievements and highlights

- Rolling out EDI training across the organisation to staff.
- Contributing to EDI and other policies including menopause and wellbeing policies.
- Embedding EDI into HR and recruitment policies through EDI questions in interviews and monitoring demographics of our staff to evaluate representation and actions to improve.

Small changes, yet still much more to be achieved!

Fundraising and Communications

New website

Our new website launched in February 2024, with a new look, improved accessibility, updated information and an easier online donation process. To celebrate the launch we hid sheep across our website with a competition to find them all. Cath McGovern was the winner, receiving an Easter egg and an Amazon voucher. Our thanks to Zephi for all their support with designing and building our new website, we really appreciate their patience and hard work.

Find my Flock
winner



Fundraising Events

- Our first ever Firewalk, raising £15,500.
- Return of our Fundraising Ball for the first time since Covid, which raised £7,500.
- Annual parish collection income totalled £47,074.
- Schools income for the year was £40,158.

Fundraising – Trusts and Grants

Our fundraising team secured £435,568 of funding to support our projects and services through successful grant applications.

Our Community Partners

Hope Community Project



Hope aims to seek out, reach and support the most isolated, vulnerable and disadvantaged people in Heath Town.



In summer 2023 Hope held a wonderful beach day at the centre.

Maryvale Community Project



Maryvale provides social activities for older people and adults with learning disabilities in Kingstanding, Birmingham.

Boccia teams from the In and Out Club at Maryvale won Gold and Silver medals at the Special Olympics in April 2023.

St Chad's Sanctuary



St Chad's is a place of welcome for asylum seekers and refugees which aims to relieve poverty and improve their lives.

Refugee Community Sponsorship Projects

Father Hudson's Care is the lead sponsor with the Home Office for Community Sponsorship Refugee resettlement schemes in Warwick, Rugeley, Derby and Birmingham. All four groups have successfully welcomed and integrated refugee families.

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Our work would not be possible without the help and support of our staff, volunteers, donors and supporters.

Working in partnership with corporates, schools and community organisations helps us achieve more than we could alone.

Thank you all for your contributions of time, money, expertise and enthusiasm. We could not reach and support as many people as we do without you – thank you.

Join our team

If you would like to work for us scan the QR code below to see our current vacancies.



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On the 15th of the necessary month(s)

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The Direct Debit Guarantee

- This guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits
- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit Father Hudson's Society will notify you 10 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request Father Hudson's Society to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of request
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit, by Father Hudson's Society or your bank or building society, you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society
 - If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when Father Hudson's Society asks you to
- You can cancel a direct debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.

Can you help?

Contact details

Please fill in whether you are making a one-off or a regular donation

Full Name				
Address			Postcode	
Telephone				
Email				

Make a one-off donation

I wish to give	£	to support the work of Father Hudson's Care												
☐	I enclose a Cheque/Postal order/CAF voucher made payable to Father Hudson's Society , or													
☐	Please debit my Visa/Mastercard/Maestro/CAF card:													
Card Number														
Valid from	/				Expiry date				/					
Signature								Date						

We would love to keep you informed about our work, please tick on how you wish to be notified.

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Please keep me informed by email

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By ticking this box I confirm that:

- I am a UK taxpayer. Please treat all donations I make or have made to Father Hudson's Care for the past 4 years as Gift Aid donations until I notify you otherwise.
- I understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

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Please notify Father Hudson's Care if you want to cancel this declaration, if you change your name or home address, or if you no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains