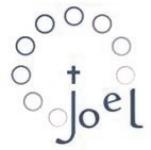


Joel Community Services



food friendship shelter



A welcome and a goodbye

We are sad to be saying a farewell to Becky Mills as our fundraiser of six years as she enters her well deserved retirement at the end of May. She has served the JOEL Community with unflagging zeal and shared our story with so many of you across Kingston with passion and considerable understanding in many ways and in diverse places. In those six years our annual income for the year has multiplied more than tenfold and we are in robust position to be carrying our work forward with confidence. Thanks you so much Becky for all that you have done!

We now have the pleasure of welcoming Jhoana Serna Nalton as Becky's replacement as the JOEL fundraiser. Jhoana has already commenced work with us, she has written a little about herself in this news sheet and we

hope that many of you will have the opportunity of meeting her and supporting her into the future.

The census of 2011 stated that 28% of our adult population in the UK are single people, yet on housing waiting lists across this country, the number of single people found on them is frequently, by proportion, double this figure. It is clear that as a country we are unable to hear, or see, single people as having a problem, as they are forced to face the scourge of homelessness. We need to be changing attitudes to cope with this injustice. Matt Hatton, Director for Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness and I, are grateful to have been invited by James Berry MP and the Local Authority to work with them in developing a local strategy to combat this injustice and raise awareness and resources to help remedy some of the tragedy of

homelessness in our own borough. Please pray that we might be given wisdom and understanding and that this conversation and engagement may bear much good fruit for the good of some of our most vulnerable neighbours – for those who find themselves homeless.

Revd Peter Holmes (Chair of the JOEL Community Services)



Joel Welcomes Jhoana!

"As a Christian teen I volunteered at Feed the Hungry Heart, a soup kitchen at my local church and knew from that moment that homelessness did not have a stereotype.

Much later in 2006, I had a wakeup call 'I needed to do something about it', a passion stirred that led me to a path in my vocation. In 2007 I took up a full time position at a homeless

shelter in Camden, and later worked with the Soup Kitchen on Tottenham Court Road.

I've met hundreds of wonderful people who did not 'fit the criteria', had no one to turn to, or had become destitute in the streets of London. A place of warmth with a welcoming face at the end of a cold day made a huge difference.

My work became more behind the scenes when my daughter, Jessica, came along in 2012. Now that she is older I am keen to get back into actively making a difference. I am incredibly excited to work within the Joel team. I am passionate about what Joel and members of the community are trying to do here in Kingston, and I can't wait to see how we can partner in turning some of our faith into action to transform lives"

Jhoana Serna Nalton

Gift Aid It!

I want any donations I make now and in the future to be Gift Aided until I notify you otherwise. (You must pay an amount of UK Income/Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax Joel Community Services reclaims on your donation and it is your responsibility to pay any difference).

T i t l e _ _ _ _

Forename _____

Surname _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Address _____

Standing Order Mandate

Please pay: CAF Bank Ltd
25 Kings Hill Avenue
Kings Hill
West Maling
Kent ME19 4JQ

For the credit of: The Joel Community

Bank details: Account No.: 00025841
Sort Code: 40-52-40

Commencing on ___/___/___ and thereafter
on the: ___ day of the month until further
notice and debit my account accordingly:

The sum of: In words also:

Your bank address:

Name of Account to be debited

Account number: _____

Sort Code _____

Signature _____

Date: ___/___/___/

**This standing order Mandate supersedes all
previous standing orders to Joel Community
Services, Reg. Charity No. 1163741**

**Please return this form to Jhoana Serna-
Nalton, Joel Community Services, St
Peter's Church, London Rd, Kingston,
Surrey KT2 6QL.**

Millie's Mighty Cake Sale!

Our youngest fundraiser ever, Millie Eligon, aged 9 from 82 Greenway in Esher raised £109 with her home baked cakes for Joel over the Easter



Steve lands job at Laura Ashley...!



Steve Bryant ended up homeless on the streets in Lewisham. He had his Job Seekers allowance cancelled because he was reluctant to go to the dentist! He came to the Drop- In Service at KCAH and was referred to Joel. He stayed at Joel for 15 months. During that time he had a growth removed from his face and this really increased his confidence. His faith grew and he was baptised at St Peter's Church and now works as a cleaner at Laura