

Dear Friends

Christian Community Action Ministries are celebrating 25 years of serving the impoverished, the forgotten, the marginalised and anyone who needs a friend.

We thought you would like to hear what we have been up to over the last year and about our **'Love Your Reading Neighbour'** campaign.

In 2016:

- 4,734 families / individuals were helped through our support centres:

That is:

- 90 individuals / families per week
- or 2.5 families / individuals every hour we are open.

We delivered 1, 981 items of furniture –

- Many were emergency responses where people did not have a bed to sleep in.
- We assisted 3 Syrian refugee families to start new lives in Reading by supplying essential furniture items for their homes.
- We provided **1,528 free hot meals** to people who would otherwise not have one on a Wednesday.

So a huge **THANK YOU** neighbours!
We have set a donation target of **£25,000 for 2017**.

Why that amount?

Because CCAM is 25 years old this year!
So please dig deep!

We know that we can achieve this target with your support. Why?

In this period of Lent can you give up something so that those in really dire circumstances do not have to go without?

Could you make this choice?

- Pay for electricity or a buy ingredients for a basic meal

But not both?

Your donation will provide this lifeline of support to those who come to us seeking practical assistance and a listening friend.

Thank you for your support and for taking the time to read this update.

Please help us reach our target of £25,000

Whatever the amount it will make a tangible difference to those in need.

'open wide your hearts'

2 Corinthians 6:13 (NIVUK)

Gill Kaiser, CEO.

We believe that God will provide for our needs:

'For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened'.

Matthew 7:8 (NIVUK)

And by His grace, we believe our supporters to be generous and loving to their neighbours as you equip us to serve them in Jesus' name.'

Reading Borough Council is no longer providing financial crisis support so the destitute and desperate are coming to us to ask for the basic items that we take for granted – a bed to sleep in, a hot meal, an oven, a washing machine.

Post your cheque to CCAM, McQueen House, 79, Silver St, Reading, RG1 2SU

Or visit our website www.ccam.org.uk and follow the 'donate now' buttons where you will also find our gift aid form for you to use if you are a UK tax payer as this increases your donation by 25%