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Annual Review

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Starter Packs

Is a needs led voluntary organisation, initiated by Scottish Churches Housing Action in 2000, providing household essentials to individuals and families in Dundee and Angus.



Our aim is to assist individuals and families who are unable to provide themselves with basic household goods and bedding as they prepare to take on a tenancy.

To help tenants sustains their tenancies by relieving them of the drain on their resources by providing essential items.

To foster a partnership approach with other agencies and the wider community to raise awareness of the problems homeless people face within the community.

Administrator's Report



Our grateful thanks go to the people who donate the goods that make up our packs, without this we couldn't continue to provide the good quality packs that we do. Also to our financial supporters, to the Trusts and to the people who give monetary donations, we cannot thank you enough. To all the above, it takes teamwork. Thank you all for being a part of Starter Pack's story.

Fiona Fox

Administrator's Report

What a fabulous year it has been! Celebrating 25 years of Starter Packs with friends and supporters. We had a wonderful afternoon in November, catching up with everyone and enjoying the buffet provided by Tayside Contracts. Hearing all the stories from earlier years and discussing what is yet to come. Since the year 2000 more than 25,000 people in Dundee have benefitted from our packs, and continue to benefit thanks to the generosity of everyone who donates their time. Huge thanks to the team at St Martins Church who hosted our get together.

We have welcomed new volunteers into our Starter Pack family, each bringing their own enthusiasm and dedication to our organisation. We have been out giving talks, speaking to school groups, raising awareness of our service in the hope that people know where to come when they need assistance.

This year we have received 831 referrals from Dundee and surrounding areas. We have provided 565 household packs, 579 kitchen packs, 569 crockery/cutlery packs and 587 bathroom packs. In addition we have issued 820 bedding packs, 922 pairs of curtains and 1051 PAT tested items, proving for 771 Adults and 385 under 18's.

THE BOARD

OFFICE BEARERS

Chairman— David Inglis
Vice Chair—Ron Jack
Treasurer— Maggie Gray (until Sept 25)
Laila Szafran

BOARD

Mary Middler (Volunteer Rep)
David Morrison
Ian Clapperton
Graham Luke (co-opted)
Fiona Fox

VOLUNTEERS

Jenny Arbuckle, Moira Bell, David and Isobel Bone,
Moira Gilligan, Ross Husband,
Kate Kennedy, Lawrie Livie,
Lena McGregor, Louise Maclean,
Isla Miller, Maggie McArthur
Margaret Mulgrew, Ann Mulgrew, Ron Paton,
David Scrimgeour, Anne Sermon,
Andrena Thom, Ann Young

OFFICE STAFF

Fiona Fox— Administrator/Fundraiser

Chairman's Report

It is my pleasure, on behalf of Dave Inglis, to present the Chairman's report for this year.

Can I say right from the outset how grateful I am for the incredible work carried out by our Administrator, Fiona and our team of wonderful volunteers. They are the beating heart of our charity and without them, Starter Packs would not exist and the many thousands of clients that we have assisted over the last twenty five years would have led a much poorer life. I would also offer my heartfelt thanks to everyone who donates, whether that be goods or money, to our charity. The generosity of both individuals and organisations is amazing and without them, we would not be able to assist the number of people that we do. This year has again been very busy with around 1200 people benefitting from our packs. Although, for a small charity, this number is impressive, it is also very sad that this number of recipients still require our assistance and will do so for the foreseeable future. For a small charity, finance will always be a challenge. Fiona ,with the assistance of a couple of our Directors has spent a great deal of time applying for grants and donations and this has been relatively successful but will need to continue to allow us to continue our work.

As most of us, very much including myself, are no longer in the first flush of youth, there is a need to attract more volunteers both "at the chalkface" and as members of the Board. If you know of anyone who might like to join us please don't be shy about asking them. Fiona , myself and any member of the Board would be very happy to invite them to visit us, be shown around our premises and discuss with them how they might be able to assist us.

Once again, my thanks to everyone involved in this wonderful charity.



Ron Jack
Vice-Chairperson

Treasurer's Report

It has been another challenging year and, as always, we have met it with the usual enthusiasm and energy to keep going. This was only made possible by all the people who have supported us.

Our very grateful thanks go to .....
Dundee City Council, Bank of Scotland, Tay Charitable Trust, A Sinclair Henderson, Aberbrothock Skea, Leng Charitable Trust, Rozelle Trust, Alexander Moncur Trust, Hillcrest Foundation, St Katherines Fund, Yorkshire Building Society, Charities Trust and Soutar Charitable Trust, for all their support.

We would also like to thank all the lovely people and the Churches for their contributions both monetary and goods. We could not continue to provide our packs without their help.

Laila Szafran

Treasurer