

APRIL 2024



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH





Every month we love to acknowledge our fabulous team of volunteers and have a special 'shout out' to those that have gone above and beyond our expectations

So, for the month of March, we are proud to give a special mention to **Maggie Cameron**.

Maggie helps chaperone our day trips, she is also a big help at the homeless feeds and also in our community hub.

Thank you, Maggie, for all you do!



BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



We are privileged to work with some amazing businesses, and we appreciate that we couldn't do what we do without their continued support. Our business of the month for March is **Yorkshire Business Women**, who have chosen us as their charity of year to fundraise for at their awards.

Yorkshire Businesswoman is a digital and printed magazine with membership that launched in November 2020.

Apart from business networking, they cover fashion, beauty, entrepreneurship, business success stories, health, art, food and drink and lifestyle and more.

A FAMILY FRIENDLY OUTDOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL TO HELP THOSE IN NEED



TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

CLICK HERE



News Round-up

BUDGET LIKE A BOSS

Courses are going great, helping lots of people better manage their finances. All working in partnership with Noah's Ark.

We've helped a very vulnerable lady who was really struggling.

We have topped up her phone, utilities and paid for her bus pass for a week so she can get to a hospital appointment and to meet with Noah's Ark Centre to get help with her debts



Were delighted to announce we have a new website 💟 Huge thanks to funding from Community Foundation for Calderdale and massive thanks to Dan & Luke from Crawford Designworks for building it for us 🙌

Please check it out:

https://focus4hope.co.uk

Our kind-hearted volunteers nave once again been on the streets of Leeds and in St Anne's Centre feeding the homeless. They were also joined by Delivita who made fresh pizzas which was an amazing treat for everyone. Everyone went home with Easter eggs, thanks to everyone for

We provided nutritious, warm meals such as sausage casserole with Yorkshire pudding, katsu chicken curry, chicken and vegetable pie and a vegetarian chilli alongside crumbles and bread and butter pudding. In total feeding around 70

On the streets we provided hygiene packs along with warm drinks, sandwiches, and snacks. We were told by one gent that having clean socks and pants made him feel like Christmas! It is always heartwarming to see the impact our visit makes to the people we support.



Sarah Helliwell – Our New Trustee & Treasurer Sarah has worked in accountancy for over 30 years. Specialising in the SME sector, she has worked for several firms including a top twenty company and several small independent firms. In 2012, Sarah moved to Cresswells, becoming a

Sarah has been married now for over 25 years and has one grown up son, and is now a proud grandmother. She is an avid reader of crime novels and the occasional romance novel.



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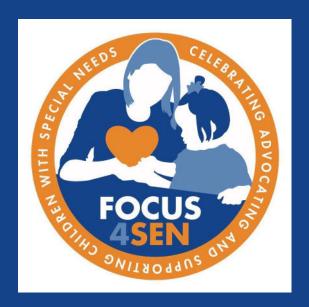
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SAT 14TH SEPTEMBER

Please Join us for Our Afternoon Tea at St John The Divine, Rastrick HD61HN

ENTERTAINMENT
RAFFLES BINGO

BOOK YOUR SPACE ON 01484 443979 NIC@FOCUS4HOPE.ORG



We wanted to wait until we could show you these amazing art creations. During the Easter holidays we took over **The Pottery Spot** and did some painting! Such fun was had by all and families who would have never imagined being able to visit a pottery painting shop have totally changed their minds. All the kids engaged, relaxed and loved it. Just look at the amazing items created.

Thank you to The National Lottery Community Fund for funding us to be able to offer these fab meet ups for our special families.

Thank you to Lauren and the staff for all your help.

SEN EASTER VISIT TO THE POTTERY SPOT







HOARD OR HOPE? Time for a spring clean!

Those unwanted clothes you are hoarding could bring hope to hundreds of vulnerable families in our community.

Donations can be dropped off at our community hub in Bethel St car park Monday-Friday 9-4pm or in store Wednesday - Saturday 10am-3pm.

We offer a £5 store credit voucher in return for good quality donations, so what are you waiting for?

Grab a bin liner and come and join the RELOV-UTION





COFFEE MORNING



SUPPORT DROP IN

10.00-11.30am

Every other Monday at The Hub from 9th October 23

MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2024 **ALL WELCOME**

For more information contact us at:

Charity No. 1192543



The Hub, 12 Huddersfield Road, Brighouse HD6 1JZ 🚮 💟 🗿 🛅







WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our bi-weekly Friday Food Club is doing amazingly well, helping over 70 households each week with affordable food as well as helping them to save via Calderdale Credit Union.

Since we opened the food club, we have spent over £30,000 on food but desperately need more donations of nonperishable food and hygiene products.

PLEASE HELP IN ANY **WAY YOU CAN AS YOUR DONATIONS MEAN SO** MUCH.

Thank u so much I can eat every day now I really appreciate every one of you the way you look after me

REGISTER NOW

WHAT WE DO

Who does Focus4Hope support?

Focus4Hope Supports the homeless, the elderly, the vulnerable, refugees, and survivors of domestic abuse.

What does Focus4Hope do?

The following are our main services:

The Homeless

Focus4Hope hosts fortnightly homeless feeds in Leeds City Centre and provides hygiene packs to homeless individuals across West Yorkshire.

The Elderly

Focus4Hope host several days-out and miscellaneous events for the elderly, such as: bingo evenings, afternoon teas, and an annual Christmas meal. We also provide benefit support for them.

Focus4Hope Food Club

In partnership with Foodsavers, the Focus4Hope Food Club aims to reduce dependency on food banks and free food provision, by combining a sustainable low-cost food market with easy access to a Credit Union, and the opportunity to save money in its recognised scheme.

Focus4Hope Food Club is open on FRIDAYS ONLY and offers high quality fresh and store cupboard food for a low weekly membership fee. We are proud to share that we are the first social supermarket to open in Calderdale!

On your Friday shopping day, there will also be the opportunity to enjoy a free warm drink and slice of cake as well as the chance, should you wish, to talk to one of the Focus4hope team who can offer further support and referrals to other services. There are computers available for use as well as the chance to browse for bargain items in our Replenish store.

We also provide a befriending call service to all our clients, with the goal of combating loneliness and isolation in our area.

Survivors of Domestic Abuse

We work with individuals and organisations in our local area to assist those who are fleeing domestic violence. We help these individuals with rehousing, (whether it be locally or at women's shelters across the UK,) and continue to support them by providing clothing, furniture, supplies, benefit assistance, food parcels, as well as training in financial management and general personal and professional development.



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