



**Supporters Newsletter**  
**October 2019**  
**Working to improve the lives**  
**of children and Families**

On the 10th of October 2019 people around the world will mark **World Homeless Day** in many varied ways and change the lives of homeless people in their local community.



## **Homeless Sunday '19**

**13 October 2019**

*A day to pray, reflect, and plan practical action on homelessness*

**The impact of volunteering on the volunteer**

## **Churches Homeless Action (CHA)**

### **For the past 15 years CHA has run a Christmas Voucher Scheme**

All you need to do is donate £5 gift cards from stores such as Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury's and Argos, which will be given to people in need this Christmas.

Please only buy £5 vouchers so we can share them out fairly.

#### **Bring or send them to:**

**Deanery Office, St Faiths Church,**

**Crasswell Street, Portsmouth PO1 1HT 023 9282 2990**

#### **To arrive before: 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

You can write a card to go with the voucher which personalises the gift. However, please do not give your name and/or address and do not seal the envelope.

**Thank you for your support, all your donations go direct to people who are homeless or vulnerable to being made homeless.**

# What CHA will do

Churches Homeless Action (CHA) ensures that homelessness issues are kept on the churches' agenda. We will make sure that the gift cards get to the agencies listed in time for Christmas so that people will know someone has thought of them.

We will make sure the agencies have sufficient vouchers to give to their clients for Christmas.

**You are warmly invited to a carol celebration, where the gift cards will be handed to the agency representatives from:**

**Society of St James, Portsmouth Foyer, The Roberts centre, SDAS, Friends without Borders, Two Saints, The Life House, St Simons. Portsmouth Churches Housing Association, Salvation Army.**

**When:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**Time:** 12.00pm

**Where:** St Mary's Church,  
Fratton Road, Portsmouth PO1 5PA

Gift cards will be handed to the representatives of the agencies at the service and people from the projects will speak about what the project means to individuals and families. Free refreshments and a chance to meet the agencies and CHA members.



“We are reminded that, in the fleeting time we have on this Earth, what matters is not wealth, or status, or power, or fame, but rather how well we have loved and what small part we have played in making the lives of other people better”. **Barack Obama**





**Pantomime at the King's Theatre** – A wonderful supporting couple organised the annual Pantomime Lunch to raise an amazing £1600 to take children living in Temporary Accommodation over Christmas to the Pantomime at the Kings Theatre this Christmas and fund the Roberts Centre Children's Parties. 16 Children will experience the wonder of the Pantomime Aladdin on Friday the 27th December and step out of their difficult circumstances into the land of make believe. **Aren't people wonderful 😊**

**Denmead Guides** are raising funds to provide Advent calendars for Roberts Centre children which will be delivered in November.

**Aren't people wonderful 😊**



**Harvest Gifts - Thank you to the parishioners of:**

Christ Church Portsdown  
St Mary's Church, Fratton  
St Peter & St Paul's Church, Hambledon  
St Faiths Church, Landport  
St Albans Church Copnor  
St Peter & St Paul Hawley

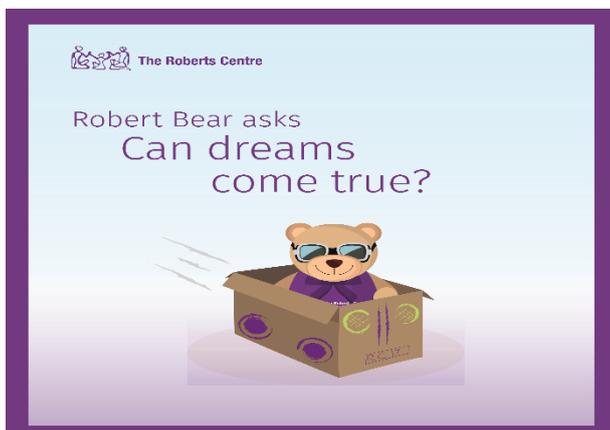
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Tesco's gave us 2 trays of candles and air fresheners, for us to give out

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**The Roberts Centre has given Devonshire Infant School a copy of Can Dreams come True? for every child in the School**



**Family Friends** – we have an amazing 23 Family Friends, they include individuals, couples, families, staff teams from The Hive, Portsmouth City Council Helpdesk, Aerial Direct, Southern Gas network and CX Loyalty. **Aren't people wonderful** 😊

Thank you so much to all those who have donated Children's Books – they are bringing the joy of reading to children and we would love to keep receiving them



How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world. Anne Frank



**Warm Children's Coats** – if you have Children's coats that you and your family no longer want we would love to receive them so we can pass them onto to children who need them.

## What kind of things do Volunteers do at the Roberts Centre?

- Volunteers deliver the Made of money course which helps families whether they are struggling with debt, finding it hard to save, or want to do more than just manage.
- Help sort donations and make up hampers
- Help at Supported Child Contact enabling 100's of children each year to see their non-resident parent. There are lots of other volunteering roles.... Contact [HR@robertscentre.org.uk](mailto:HR@robertscentre.org.uk)



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**It's difficult in times like these: ideals, dreams and cherished hopes rise within us, only to be crushed by grim reality. It's a wonder I haven't abandoned all my ideals, they seem so absurd and impractical. Yet I cling to them because I still believe, in spite of everything, that people are truly good at heart.** Anne Frank aged 13 years