



Headline NEWS

David Shafik, CEO writes ...

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In a speech to lawyers yesterday Sir Paul, a High Court judge, warned that in some parts of the UK, "family life, in the old sense, no longer exists".

Interview with Etta Colville (former manager of Keychange, Wayside hostel) April 2002

In answer to the question "What are the most common causes for women to be in this hostel?" Etta replied, "There's only one main reason – breakdown of family life".

So we are agreed then, Sir Paul and many others too. How will Keychange and its supporters answer this need in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ?

We have big plans to grow.

Last year, the trustees set a target aspiration for the next five years:

Operate more than eight social action projects (net increase of five) and operate more than twelve residential homes (net increase of three). We can only do this in partnership with our fellow Christians. Please pray for us that God will do great things and please, as you are able, give generously towards expanding our work amongst the most vulnerable in our society. Every gift will be used wisely and where most needed.

David Shafik

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From the Financial Controller :

Thank you Darling!

Not a common reaction perhaps, but the Chancellor surprised us all by being generous to charities in his first Budget - giving us three years of extra amounts on our tax refunds from gift aided donations, to compensate for the losses we would otherwise have suffered from the reduction in basic rate tax.

The Door of Hope welcomes Debbie ...

I've been working as the new Project Manager at Door of Hope since September 2007 and am really excited about my new role here. Door of Hope is a fantastic project and it's great to be part of something which is really living up to its name and offering hope and opportunity to some of the most marginalized women in the East End.

I've been a Christian most of my life and I'm passionate about seeing people's lives transformed by Jesus and seeing people become everything they were created to be in God. I've worked with vulnerable and marginalized women for the last five years and prior to Door of Hope I was working in a Women's Supported Housing Scheme which supported women with substance

misuse issues, mental health issues, refugees and women fleeing domestic violence.

I'm excited about my new venture at Door of Hope and it's great to be part of a project bringing hope into the lives of women who are very often marginalized and exploited. Over the last few months I've begun to meet some of the women on the streets and am continually reminded of their amazing uniqueness and beauty as women created in the image of God.



I have just submitted Keychange's final gift aid claim for the year ended 31st March, making a total of £11,500 receivable for the year. Total donations to Keychange for the year, excluding gift aid are nearly £92,000, spread over the various homeless and elderly care projects. Thank you for your continuing generous support for all our activities.

The financial year ahead looks like it will be tough for most of us, so your continued support for God's work through Keychange is vital, both by prayer and finance. If you have not yet signed a gift aid declaration, and are in a position to do so, please help us to take advantage of Mr Darling's generosity.



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Long serving staff ...

Christine Newman, Manager of Fair Havens says 'thank you' ...

Margaret Hawton retired from Fair Havens on March 29th after 13 years service as a Registered Nurse. Margaret trained as a Manual Handling instructor and provided training for all staff for several years until 2006. In her retirement she will be helping to care for her grandson, and supporting her husband who was recently ordained as a Baptist minister.

Ela Robson retires at the end of April after working at Fair Havens since it began in 1990. Although she is a registered nurse, Fair Havens began as a residential care home and Ela first worked as a care assistant. When nursing registration was obtained, Ela worked as a trained nurse and has done so ever since. Her commitment to the Care Home has been excellent and she has many times gone the extra mile for the sake of the residents or

her colleagues. Unashamedly 'old-school', Ela is retiring to spend more time with her husband and says it has been a joy to work at Fair Havens.

We will miss them both and wish them a happy and leisurely retirement.

Margaret Barrett, Manager of The Mount says 'thank you' ...

Jan Dunstan worked as a care assistant from 20th September 1978 until 2004 when she became 60 and retired from care work. Jan stayed on as a laundry assistant until 28th March 2008 when she retired. Jan was a very loyal employee who looked after the residents with kindness and affection at all times. She will be missed.

Esther Community gives thanks ...

A resident who was resettled last month had arrived here a year ago from a background of extreme sexual, physical and psychological abuse as a child and subsequently as an adult. Her experiences had led to two years of street homelessness prior to arrival at the Esther Community. On arrival here she made no eye contact, barely spoke to staff and seemed perpetually agitated.

Looking back the resident called that state 'my survival mode'. But here in Spring, a year later, as our Project Worker went up with her to the property where she was to apply for a flat, a transformation had occurred. She was laughing and joking, talking about her plans with confidence and bubbling with

excitement at the thought of moving into her own place. The staff team at Esther praise God for those times when He uses us to help a woman back onto her feet, helping her deal with those thorns from her past and set her up in a new home.

***Psalm 82:3
Defend the cause of
the weak and
fatherless; maintain
the rights of the poor
and oppressed.***



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KEYCHANGE HOMES & HOSTELS

HOMES:

Mount Eventide, Plymouth;
Rose Lawn, Sidmouth;
Fair Havens, Southampton;
Walmer House, Torquay;
Rosset Holt, Tunbridge Wells;
Cressingham House, Wallasey;
Alexander House, Wimbledon

SHELTERED FLATS:

Jubilee Cottage, Lytham St Annes

HOMELESS PROJECTS:

Esther Community, Exeter;
Wayside, Reigate

OUTREACH:

Door of Hope, London