

Bread and Butter

I'm sure you are aware the good old BlueHouses is a charity. In order to run all our programmes and projects we need to bring in some dough. Our sources of income at the moment are small amounts of trust money, doing wee fundraisers here and there as well as regular monthly personal donations. This last one is our real bread and butter. Money from individual donors keeps us alive and ticking when trust and grant money is scarce. However recently we have lost a considerable amount of our monthly donations for one reason or another. We desperately need to secure more regular donors. Just think £20 a month (that's 67p a day) works out at £240 a year, plus gift aid, giving a total of £307.2. If you aren't quite sure where your money will be going have a read at this.....



You have read a little bit of Danielle's story in the newsletter. We have worked with Danielle and others like her for the past 15 years. Your money allows us to be consistent, build relationships, invest in, journey with and be family for many of these young people. We want to see many more stories like Danielle's. This is where your money is going.



At present we work in the local Primary & Secondary school delivering Art, R.E., Football coaching, S.U. and I.T. and we are about to start delivering the Alpha Course in the Girls Model. For many young people this is their only opportunity to hear about God. We see this time in the schools as a real window of opportunity and we are aware that we can't take it for granted but need to make the most of it while we can. This is where your money is going.



On a Tuesday night we have up to 50 teenagers in the centre. Many of them are classed as your typical 'teenage tearaways' who normally roam the streets and are often involved in anti social behaviour. By being in the centre this gives them an alternative: a place to be safe, a place to have fun, a place to be valued and a place to be loved. This is where your money is going.



We believe in practically loving others & putting our words into action. We regularly spend our time helping young mums or elderly with decorating and DIY, simply doing the jobs that others cannot manage themselves. This is where your money is going.

Enclosed is a standing order gift aid form. It would be amazing if you could take a couple of minutes, fill it in and send it back to us. It is because of people like yourselves that the BlueHouses exists and continues to make an incredible difference to the lives of individuals and to the community of Ballysillan as a whole.