

**Homelessness and Resurrection**  
**Examples of people we have helped**  
**Eastertide 2024**



**Church Homeless Charity is now one of very few organisations that give personalised grants to people who are homeless for items such as clothing, rent deposits, training, furniture, or whatever they need to rebuild their lives.**

**The following are anonymised extracts from some of our recent grant applications:**

**Mother and two children in a refuge:**

*"I fled my home with my children due to the abuse we were subject to by my husband. I had no choice than to leave our home for the safety of us all.*

*"The grant will be used to buy curtains and blinds for our new home as we have very little money and the windows are bare. I am grateful for support starting to rebuild my new life and the lives of my children."*

**We gave them £175 for four pairs of curtains and one blind.**

**Male living in a hostel:**

*"My mental health declined due to the death of my mother, and I started to take class A drugs and this led to me being homeless and rough sleeping.*

*"I help a friend at his allotment to calm my mental health which is up/down and need a bus pass to get there. I try to lead a normal life, but my financial hardship gets me down. I do try to better myself and I find going to the allotment helps me. Being given the opportunity to support myself and lift my spirits to get me back on my feet is appreciated. I will find a better way of living."*

**We gave him £50 for gas, £40 for electricity, £40 for travel and £40 for food.**

**Older male living in a hostel:**

*"I've recently been attacked by someone and have had concussion and also an operation on shoulder with more to come. Having regular hospital appointments a distance away from where I live has added pressure of the travel costs and this is going to happen for at least next few months.*

*"I also need to sort my guitar out as this is like therapy to me. I love my music and also the hospital has said it will help recovery due to nerve damage in my hand it would be a good form of exercise."*

**We gave him £100 for guitar and £70 for travel costs.**

**Female in a young person's hostel:**

*"Mum died when I was 6yrs old which left me living with Dad. He was very controlling, and at 16 – 17yrs old he would not allow me to visit the GP or dentist. He would control who and when I could see people. So I had to leave home and sofa surf before coming to the temporary Hostel.*

*"I'm starting a part time job in hospitality, but I don't have clothes to wear. New clothes will help my self-esteem and confidence and help me to take on more challenges and communicate my personality, style, and individuality."*

**We gave her £150 clothes and £25 for toiletries.**

### Older male in supported housing:

*"I used to work full time and go on 2 holidays a year but since my illnesses and being unable to work this has stopped and has had a massive effect on my mental health as I am not used to this way of life.*

*"I struggle to eat well as don't have the household essentials to cook with as my previous landlord threw away all my belongings when I was in hospital long-term, which is how I became homeless."*

**We gave him £75 for kitchen utensils**

### An army veteran living in specialist supported accommodation:

*"I have just unexpectedly lost my mum and am worried about the cost of a shirt for her funeral due to having little funds. I currently have £26 left from my benefits.*

*"I have priced up a suit/shirt/shoes in Primark. Any help would be greatly appreciated."*

**We gave him £96 for a suit, shirt and shoes.**

### Female in temporary accommodation:

*"I have got in debt and loan sharks are now taking all my benefits. If this application is awarded, it would give me enough space to to clear the loan sharks without having to go without the basics.*

*"I also need passport photos to help apply for a disability bus pass to enable me to travel to my volunteering, as I can't even afford a bus ticket at present."*

**We gave her £150 for food shopping and £5 for passport photos.**

### Young male in church night shelter:

*"I was living with my sister but after an argument she wanted me to leave. I was then living in a tent on the streets. I was seen by street outreach team and referred to a winter night shelter where I have been staying since November last year.*

*"I have now found a room in a shared house but it is empty and I need to purchase a mattress, some curtains and a chest of drawers for my room. I hope that I will settle into my new accommodation and can then look for employment and start rebuilding my life."*

**We gave him £100 for a mattress, £50 for drawers and £25 for curtains.**

### Older male staying in a hostel:

*"I was sleeping rough for more than twenty years after being bereaved of my wife and daughter. I didn't want to come into a hostel, but I got very ill due to sleeping rough for so long.*

*"I do 3-8 drawings a day, which helps my mental health. I have sketch paper and pens currently, but I would like to do some acrylic painting to get me through my time in the hostel."*

**We gave hm £160 for art materials.**

**We are experiencing very high demand for our grants at the moment; Please give a donation if you are able.**

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