



Reading Rotary Club

Friday, 21 August 2020

Donations

To The Members of Reading Rotary Club,

I am writing to thank you most sincerely for your recent donation of £399.38.

Your gift will enable us to continue the work that we do, as part of the wider Church in Reading. We have grown year on year, not out of a desire to get bigger, but simply because sadly the demands for our services have grown. We are helped massively by volunteers from local companies.

ReadiFood

ReadiFood is the one part of FAITH that is not only still operating but has needed to expand as a result of COVID 19. As you will appreciate, demand for emergency parcels has increased over the weeks that people have been in lockdown.

We have made adjustments such as reducing down volunteer numbers in the warehouse and taking health precautions. We have been very grateful to the offers of new volunteers.

At the best of times, housing and running the Food Bank requires a warehouse and offices that cost us in the order of £50,000 per annum. This is a large commitment for which we seek funds month by month. But funders enabled us to provide 8,000 emergency food parcels to around 5,000 individuals across Greater Reading in 2019. With food donations restricted by the current supermarket situation we are having to buy in essential items. www.readifood.org.uk

ReadiStreet

We have sadly had to pause our street outreach activities due to not wanting to encourage groups of people to come together and risk spreading the virus. We will review on a regular basis and intend to get out again as soon as possible.



The 2020 Night Shelter just about escaped the effects of COVID 19 and we only had to close a few days early. We had a great year all in all. The full report can be seen on our website. www.abedforthenight.org.uk

If you have specified which aspect of our work you wish your money to be used for, please rest assured that it will be ring-fenced for that purpose.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm Peirce - Director



ReadiFood
Reading's Food Bank



ReadiStreet
Feeding the Homeless and Poor