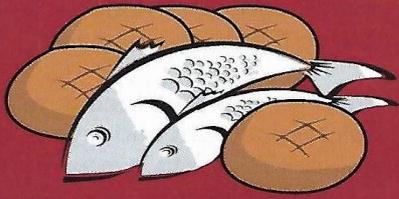


# Fund for Human Need

Registered Charity No. 208866



*Where a little means a lot*  
**July 2018**

## How Our Grants Are Helping:

**Where a little bit really does mean a lot**

**S 16/02/2018 - £60** *"It was winter so I bought a winter jacket. I also bought some fruits, because I did not feel well at that time. I have high blood pressure and take medication. So my GP advised me to eat fruit and veg, so lots of greens. It was very helpful, I did not have the money and I was in desperate need. It has helped a lot in a time of need".*

**I – 07/02/2018 - £60** *"I used the money to buy clothes for my 22 month old baby. I bought him a winter jacket and some trousers. I want to give a very BIG thank you, may God bless them for helping us. Tell them my son says thank you!"*

**M – 10/04/2018 - £80** *"We are a family of 5 so my main concern was food. It was very helpful, thank you it was much needed help we are very grateful".*

**B– 05/01/2018 - £60** *"I am a mother with two children so the money was spent on food. Some was also spent on clothes for my children. I want to say thank you very much for the help".*

## Donate

**If you would like to help us in supporting individuals who have no access to the major relief funds or benefits, please access our website at:**

[http://fundforhumanneed.org.uk/?page\\_id=11](http://fundforhumanneed.org.uk/?page_id=11)

**There you will find all the information you need on making a donation or regular gift.**

**Or you can contact us at:**  
[fundhumanneed@gmail.com](mailto:fundhumanneed@gmail.com)

## How We Are Fundraising

Although founded in 1960 by the Revd Donald McNeill 'to relieve and remove hunger and poverty in all parts of the world', for the past 20 years the Fund for Human Need has focused almost entirely on need within the United Kingdom. In this time we have experienced a huge increase in the number of requests for help. Many of these come from local authorities, voluntary organisations, NHS trusts and citizens advice bureaux on behalf of asylum seekers, homeless people, those whose benefits have been reduced or stopped and others who are destitute.

To meet this growing need FHN must raise more income and we are seeking to do this by:

**Using a grant** from Methodist Action on Poverty and Justice to acquire the services of a fundraising consultant

**Having a Facebook** page to make more people aware of our work – just search for Fund for Human Need and, please tell your friends

**Making presentations** at Methodist synods, youth events and in local churches

**Registering with 'Smile.Amazon'** – please consider nominating FHN as the charity you wish to support. Log in as usual and select Fund for Human Need. It will cost you nothing extra but FHN will receive 0.5% of the amount spent.

**Keeping in touch** – we will send this newsletter regularly, by post or email, to those who want to know what we are doing. We hope you will give consent to this.

**Encouraging coffee mornings**, bake sales and other fundraising events as well as collections or donations from churches and other organisations

**Inviting regular giving** by Standing Order – and increasing this where possible by gift aiding donations which enables us to claim back the tax and add 25p to every £ donated  
**The backbone of any charity is its fantastic committed supporters who, whatever the amount they can donate, give regularly. If not already doing, is this something you would consider?**

### Administrator:

The fund has a new administrator / fundraiser Gill Mason, you can contact her at: [fundhumanneed@gmail.com](mailto:fundhumanneed@gmail.com) or on 01325 244992. If you need any help, please get in touch.

## Focus on homelessness

**Homelessness is devastating, dangerous and isolating.**

On average, homeless people die at just 47 years old.

People sleeping on the street are almost 17 times more likely to have been victims of violence. More than one in three people sleeping rough have been deliberately hit or kicked or experienced some other form of violence whilst homeless.

Homeless people are over nine times more likely to take their own life than the general population.



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## What causes homelessness?

People become homeless for lots of different reasons. There are social causes of homelessness, such as a lack of affordable housing, poverty and unemployment; and life events which cause individuals to become homeless.

People can become homeless when they leave prison, care or the army with no home to go to. Many homeless women have escaped a violent relationship. Many people become homeless because they can no longer afford the rent. And for many, life events like a relationship breaking down, losing a job, mental or physical health problems, or substance misuse can be the trigger. Being homeless can, in turn, make many of these problems even harder to resolve <https://www.crisis.org.uk/ending-homelessness/about-homelessness/>.

Mr G relies on supports from charitable organisation in xxxx to meet his basic needs and he sometimes gets foods from churches. He gets to stay in his friend's house for sleep; his friends cannot support him with subsistence and food. He must leave the house during the daytime and stays many hours on the street. He is struggling to afford warm food, to have a healthy diet and other essential living needs. Mr G cannot afford to purchase new warm clothes. (Payment £60)

## Homelessness - How are we helping?

Out of the 752 payments we have made in the 10 months to June 2018 **383** went to help homeless people.

Most of these payments will have been used on food, toiletries and even sleeping bags, and some would have provided emergency accommodation and a night or two off the streets.

Just one of the stories:

'AB is from overseas. She was forced to flee that country after her husband was killed in a land dispute. She didn't know that she was a few weeks pregnant at that time. She arrived in this country and claimed asylum. Her asylum claim was turned down and she was made homeless. She was referred to a Refugee Service and they started supporting her with a food bag and £10 weekly cash allowance, but she doesn't have a place to cook food so some of that food parcel cannot be used. She sleeps in the parks and spends her day in the shopping malls to keep warm. She had a miscarriage when she was 21 weeks pregnant. She has a sleeping bag which was given to her by another charity, but the condition of this sleeping bag is not so good now and it has holes in it. This is not fit for purpose anymore as it cannot keep her warm. She attends our women's meeting regularly and that's where she asked us for some help. We are applying on her behalf to provide some practical support for her. We are trying to find help to submit a fresh asylum claim on her behalf.' (Payment £60)

## Helping break the cycle

S has signed for a tenancy today after being homeless for 11 months and living in supported accommodation. S has no savings to be able to furnish her property and very little income. S has been supported to apply to the local council for a bed, cooker and fridge which is still processing. S greatly needs support to be able to get flooring and seating for her flat to help her to settle in to her new accommodation. S would be grateful for any assistance you would be able to offer her as moving in to a new home is expensive and S has no means to fund the required items. (Payment £60)