

Mission Partner of the Month September 2018

Information and update letter.

Crisis Centre Ministries



Crisis Centre Ministries is a Christian charity that has been working in inner city Bristol for over 30 years. The charity was created in response to a homeless person asking one of the founders, **“What does the church do for someone like me?”** and since that question, churches across Bristol have partnered together, by supporting Crisis Centre Ministries, in dedication to helping homeless and vulnerable people towards healthy and independent lives.

Their vision is to transform lives through offering food, shelter, hope and support to the most vulnerable, disadvantaged and marginalised in the community – those who live on the streets or “sofa surfers,” those suffering from drug and alcohol addiction, relationship and family breakdown, ex-offenders, unemployment, debt and domestic violence and those whose benefit payments have been delayed.

As a church partner, St Michael's supports Crisis Centre Ministries financially and some members are serving regularly in the different projects as volunteers. Keep reading to find out more...

Spring of Hope Women's Night Shelter

Opens six nights a week (Sunday-Thursday), every week of the year including Christmas and New Year. Accommodates 12 women each night. Run by two full time staff and a small team of volunteers.



The Wild Goose Drop-in Centre

Opens four days and six evenings a week. 600 hot meals are served per day, serving 400 people each week. Evening shifts are the busiest (8pm-9:45pm) and these are run by volunteers from churches across Bristol.



LIFE Recovery

The LIFE Recovery course seeks to help clients who are in addiction recovery to develop practical life skills. Modules cover self-care, mind matters, healthy relationships and life management.

LIFE Recovery groups meet weekly as a supportive community for men and women who have been affected by any kind of addiction or life controlling issue.



East Bristol Foodbank

Provides emergency food parcels of 3 days' worth of food. There are four outlets hosted by four churches. Each outlet opens one day a week. In 2017/2018, 4,386 individuals were fed.



How can we pray for Crisis Centre Ministries?

- To enable day support for homeless and vulnerable women who stay at the Spring of Hope women's night shelter, we pray that enough money will be raised so that the much needed new position of Deputy Manager can be advertised.
- So that the service users across all four projects continue to receive consistent care and support, we pray for the strength and good health of all the front line staff and volunteers.
- To ensure the sustainability of the charity and to bring in funds to develop the projects for the service users, we pray that the right person is found to join the Fundraising Team to fulfil the key role as Development and Relationships Manager. Application deadline is 12 noon Monday 10th September.
- Crisis Centre Ministries has partnered together with other homelessness agencies across Bristol and Bristol City Council, to open a 24 hour homeless shelter in St Anne's House, Brislington. We pray that this will be a success and will enable service users to receive further assistance to independent living.

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