Caritas
Diocese of Salford

Will you help to change the script?

- For a local person who is homeless.
- For a family struggling to keep their home.
- For the child staying in a hostel room.

Take a look inside to see the difference your Christmas donation could make to someone in our local community.



www.caritassalford.org.uk/donate

Almost one in three children in our area are living in poverty, with many not having a safe, secure place to call home. Thousands more adults are homeless, at risk of becoming so, or going hungry each day. Many won't know where they'll be laying their head this Christmas.



The statistics we hear on the news when it comes to poverty and homelessness are repeated so often, it can be easy to assume the story is inevitable. That the problems families and individuals in our communities are facing are never going to be eradicated.

But, at Caritas, we know from our work with people in Greater Manchester and Lancashire, how with a little support, a kind welcome, and the right expertise and resource, a huge transformation can occur.

It may seem insurmountable, but, by donating to Caritas this Christmas you could help someone out of crisis - a child, a family or an adult, at a time when they desperately need love and support.

Your donation today can help equip someone with the tools they need – whether to make their Christmas more special, or as they start on the journey to change their lives and fulfil their dreams.

Instead of turning away as though there is no room in the inn, we can all play our own small part in opening our hearts and helping one child or one adult in need this year.

Everyone deserves hope, a safe home and a future filled with dignity.

They deserve to have a chance at fulfilling their wishes and aspirations for life.

And at this time of year, that's arguably more important than ever.

Thank you for helping to change the script so that the story can become whatever people want it to be.

Patrick O'Dowd,
Director of Caritas Salford

Here are just some of the ways your donation could help to change the script for one child or adult this Christmas.













£10
could provide three nutritious hot meals at a Caritas day centre.

£20
could support someone with today's food shopping.

£35
could fit a person's home with energy saving devices to save on bills.

£50
could provide 70 of the most vulnerable people with a hot shower and toiletries at a Caritas day centre.

£105
could help with a family's weekly food shopping.

We know that not everyone is able to give, or give at this time. If you are able to make a donation today, we promise to use it where the need is greatest.
Thank you.

Or perhaps you'd like to make an even greater difference to local people and families in our area?

If so, perhaps you would consider holding a fundraising event or holding a collection in your parish to raise money.



£400
could provide an essential furniture package for a young parent and child moving into their own tenancy.



£1,500
could sponsor a room for one year in our safe and supported accommodation to help a person out of homelessness.



£2,100
could prepare six people, who are homeless, to be good tenants with training and support for viewings, sign-up and resettlement visit(s).



"My family experienced a house fire, losing most of our belongings, and we were moved into temporary accommodation. Caritas supported us around housing, and helped us replace items destroyed in the fire, but also on an emotional level, easing our anxiety and stress. I'm hoping we will soon be settled in our forever home, beginning again, and moving forward as a family together."

"I've lived on the streets for a really long time and when I went to Caritas for help I had just been diagnosed with an illness. I was really underweight and finding things really hard. The team helped me speak to lots of people involved in looking after me and agreed that I can stay until I need specialist care. I know I wouldn't have survived if I'd stayed on the streets. Thank you for getting me a television for my room and checking in on me and for all your support."

"I had fled domestic abuse and was pregnant living on other people's sofas. Caritas gave me a safe place to live where I could try therapy and learn to live on my own and keep my baby safe. They supported me to move us into our own house, even helped me purchase furniture and other things we needed. I have become more confident and I'm hoping to go to college when my baby is a bit older.
Thank you."



Choose how you would like to donate:

Online:

www.caritassalford.org.uk/donate

By telephone:

0161 817 2250 (press 1)
or call Kirstie on her direct line 0161 817 2281 during office hours to make a one-off donation or set up a regular gift.

By freepost:

Let us have your name, house number and postcode and send this with a cheque made payable to Caritas Diocese of Salford in an envelope addressed to:

FREEPOST CARITAS SALFORD all in capital letters. That's it. Nothing* else is needed.

*Please do not write our postal address or postcode, and please do not affix a stamp; it will reach us safely.

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Make your donation go even further with Gift Aid.
Every **£1** you give is worth **£1.25** if you are a UK tax payer, so remember to include your full name, address and postcode and tell us that you wish to gift aid it.

Together, help us change the script for individuals and families who are experiencing poverty, homelessness and displacement this Christmas.

Your gift will have a huge long-lasting impact.

Thank you.

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