



Food parcels ready to support holiday hunger.



Our amazing Key Workers! We are grateful for all you do.



The #SHINE Community Project continues to spread joy during difficult times as part of the vision of Arise Church to support the local community.

Over £5000 has been donated since March 2020 and many hours and resources have been contributed by a growing team of volunteers.

Responding to a request for new toys for the Children’s Emergency Ward at Russell’s Hall Hospital, supporters of the Shine Community Project selected, purchased and delivered a huge variety of quality toys.



During October half term, 28 families were provided with enough food to replace the free school meals they receive during term time. A special thank you goes to The Backyard Cafe who contributed financially towards meeting this need.

As the impact of COVID-19 has created personal hardship for so many, 20

hampers have been prepared and gifted to individual families who have experienced difficult circumstances or bereavement.



The Shine Community Project strongly believes in the power of partnering with other organisations. We have continued to support Safe Families by responding to requests to help families in need, ranging from children’s craft packs to a tumble dryer, with over 50 children benefitting. Donations have also funded ten comfort gifts created by Conforto, an organisation supporting women who have experienced sexual violence.

IKEA have also been a much appreciated support, donating chocolate to deliver to local schools and bags to assist with packaging.

Showing appreciation for Key Workers remains a priority. Hampers have been sent to our local Fire, Police and Ambulance services as well as over 430 cupcakes from the Wheatmill Bakery to GP surgeries and other teams including the Palliative Care Team and many more.

OTHER PROJECTS COMPLETED INCLUDE:

- 20 activity packs delivered to adults with additional needs affected by lockdown
- Support for ward C5 at Russell’s Hall Hospital caring for COVID patients, including two TVs and over 100 care packages
- School uniform giveaway
- Christmas Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child
- Gifts for local teachers

The impact of the generosity of local people is clear to be seen. Messages of gratitude have expressed the difference acts of kindness have made. One recipient of a hamper wrote, ‘I’m bowled over that you would think of us. It made me cry happy tears. My children’s faces were priceless.’



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SUPPORTED US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY - LET’S CONTINUE TO SHINE BRIGHTLY AND BRING HOPE TO THOSE AROUND US.

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To follow the journey of the Shine Project or to donate via Just Giving, please visit our website:

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Do you know of any other ways that we can SHINE in our community? Get in touch!