

A Celebration of Our Year 2021

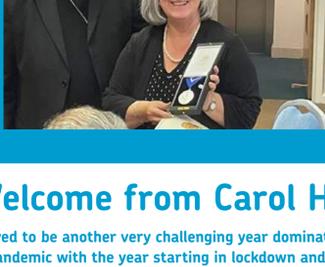
Catholic Care
A service you can believe in

Message from Bishop Marcus

I and so many others, have the greatest admiration for all that the staff of Catholic Care have managed to do and achieve during the last very challenging twelve months. The support which they have given to those most in need has been exceptional. I wish, therefore, to express my personal thanks and the heartfelt gratitude of all the clergy and faithful of this diocese for the outstanding dedication and professionalism which all who work for Catholic Care have shown, especially during the pandemic, in the extensive care and the range of services which they have provided to all those in need. The fortitude and resilience which they have shown during this emergency have been extraordinary and something of which they can be rightly proud.

May the Lord continue to bless the work of Catholic Care, its staff, volunteers, benefactors and all whom it seeks to serve.

Rt Rev Marcus Stock
Bishop of Leeds



Welcome from Carol Hill

2021 has proved to be another very challenging year dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic with the year starting in lockdown and ending with the Omicron variant.

Vaccinations certainly played a key part in the fight against the virus during the year with the first and second doses being administered during the first half of the year and the booster in the autumn. Through lots of encouragement and explanation the Charity achieved 99% of staff across the whole organisation being fully vaccinated. The biggest challenge faced has been the increase in demand for service in response to increasing levels of need against a backdrop of limited fundraising.

Although it has been a difficult year there has also been much to celebrate. The resilience, loyalty and commitment of the Charity's staff and volunteers has been absolutely amazing and I can't thank them enough. Despite their own personal challenges, they have once again maintained all of the Charity's services, with some having to be delivered in innovative and different ways and, as a result, the Charity has been a constant for those in need when others were simply not there.

The Charity has opened new services during the year in its Adult Learning Disability Service and excitingly, for the first time, is providing care to 66 people who live in an Extra Care Scheme for Older People in Skipton.

The past 2 years have demonstrated the resilience, forward thinking and vibrancy of the Charity as it emerges from the pandemic.



In October we held a very special celebration recognising the service of 4 long serving employees: Mary Simmons (centre), Sharon Costello (left), Aileen Donnelly (right) and Val Lowe who had between them dedicated 124 years to Catholic Care before moving on to new challenges or a well earned retirement. Bishop Marcus awarded each the Diocesan Silver Award.

Regulated Services

Historically caring for adults and children in homes and schools has been the mainstay of the Charity.



Older People's Services

Eller Beck Court – Extra Care

New Service - For the first time Catholic Care is caring for and supporting older people in an accommodation setting. Working in partnership with H21, Eller Beck Court opened in September 2021, welcoming its first residents in the October. The Charity provides the care and support to the people living in the Extra Care Apartments helping them to maintain their independence.

66 people in 58 apartments



Mental Health Accommodation Services

We support people on their recovery journey to independent living in the community. Mental Health is everyone's health.

11 people supported in 10 flats

Adult Learning Disability Services

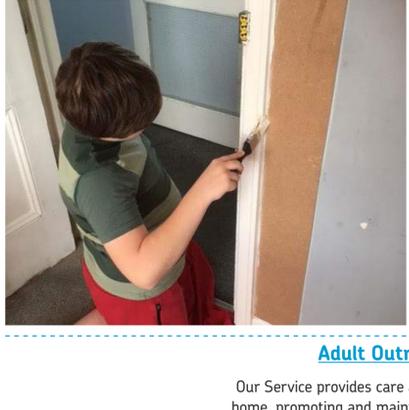
With many residents confined to their homes during lockdown the challenge was on to entertain everyone and so we did, from welcoming birds of prey, lambs and day old chicks to some really tasty cooking and everything in between.

52 people supported in 12 homes

The end of lockdown was enthusiastically welcomed.



Caroline won the Most Adventurous Person 2021 after she completed her tandem skydive.



Children's Residential Care

Our Leeds residential home provides care for up to 7 teenage males, making a positive difference to their lives and preparing them for life after care.

During lockdown the young people helped to decorate the home.

"The children's home provides highly effective services that consistently exceed the standards of good. The actions of the children's home contribute to significantly improved outcomes and positive experiences for children and young people who need help, protection and care"
OFSTED December 2021

Adult Outreach Service

Our Service provides care and support in a person's own home, promoting and maintaining their independence. We continue to provide a service to the retired clergy in the Diocese who are frail or in need of personal support.

22 including 15 Retired Priests

Schools, Children & Family Wellbeing Service

Working across 60 schools in the Diocese our Services centre on the needs of children, young people and their families experiencing difficulties in their lives. We have seen a sharp increase in demand for services as we emerge from the pandemic.

645

Referrals

9,096

Sessions held in school

174

Parents supported

112

School staff supported

"We have been really impressed with the work that Catholic Care has undertaken over a long period of time but particularly in this last year of the COVID 19 pandemic."

A Headteacher

Community Services

Our work in the community reaches out to those with continually evolving needs, providing services for today and tomorrow.



6

Community markets supporting 84 families and older people



117

Christmas dinners delivered to older people



116

Supermarket vouchers given to support families in food poverty



20

People supported via the telephone



45

Mindfulness sessions delivered



57

Adults supported by our confidential Community Counselling Service

Older People's Community Groups

14

Groups

223

People



100

Families

Stay and Play Groups

44

Carers

Young Carers

Support for Asylum Seekers and Refugees

Much of our direct work is through the Gianna Project. Working in partnership with St Monica's Housing, the Charity has a home for 4 destitute asylum seeking women in Leeds.

Catholic Care is a Lead Sponsor with the Home Office for the Community Sponsorship Scheme for refugees.

Despite the impact of COVID, 3 new groups have formed during the year and have submitted their applications for approval. The group from the Parish of St John the Baptist in Normanton welcomed a Syrian family in January 2022.

The first family supported through the Community Sponsorship Scheme in Settle arrived 2 years since their arrival in August.



Gianna Baby Bank Plus

April saw this project celebrate its 10th Birthday and support its 1000th referral.

282

mums and babies supported an increase of 40%

Make a Donation

Every donation, however large or small, helps us to continue our work supporting the most vulnerable in society. We are very grateful for your support.

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