

Mr. & Mrs. A. Ashworth,  
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25 March 2014

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Ashworth,



I am writing to you to acknowledge receipt of your cheque for £100.00 to assist CHESS and to express the trustee's gratitude and appreciation of your support. This donation is greatly appreciated, especially during the current financial climate which makes competition for funds amongst charities all the more intense.

The longer we have been trying to help the homeless the more we have begun to understand the complexities of their needs. This over the last decade has led us to trying an increasing number of new initiatives. During the period C H E S S has also grown substantially, now catering for twenty-seven residents rather than the original eight. Despite this we often turn people away due to lack of bed spaces. This is because it is difficult to find outside accommodation into which those clients we believe to be ready to move on can rent. This effectively means we do not have empty beds for those who arrive on our doorstep. Although we have recently been successful in finding rooms for our clients please also pray that landlords will become more willing to let rooms to our clients to further ease this problem. We also provide support for all our service users trying to help them move forward. This can be anything from directing them to the right agencies for help, meeting life skill needs, finding work or just listening to them. Following the loss of our Day Centre, which has been purchased by a property developer, we found and used alternative premises to operate our Winter Project for people who would otherwise have been sleeping on the streets during the worst of the winter months. This was in a local motel whose owner was willing to let rooms to us to use and was repeated again this year, finishing recently. Now we are trying to see if it will be financially viable to build a new centre for the homeless in town. Planning permission has been obtained but unless we can run the project when it is built there is little point in taking this project forward. There is also some fund-raising to do and the more grants we can obtain the more realistic the project may become.

Thank you once again for your support.

Yours sincerely

J T Ansell  
Treasurer.