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## Dear Prayer Supporters

We're ever thankful for our partners in prayer and for those who make up a part of our services to women. These relationships are invaluable and really augment our work with the women, giving them new opportunities and greater role models in other workers.

I'm excited to say that Community Kitchen now want to cook with the women who attend Peony, building their self-confidence and teaching the joy of food! As we grow, we need more volunteers to support our extended services. So all of us here are also grateful that a fantastic 29 new volunteers have attended their interviews and induction.

## Light in the darkness

Please continue to pray for the vital outreach service as we have continued to miss some nights. Staff, board members and volunteers go out of their way to fill vacant slots and we know how much the women need the service. Things are getting back to normal and - now we've extended Amelia's hours as volunteer coordinator to be full time - we hope this will be a thing of the past.

By taking part in The Big Give this year, we got an incredible £12,500 secured in pledges. To unlock all of this, the Fundraising and Communications team worked extremely hard and managed to raise beyond the £25,000 target, thanks to wonderfully generous supporters. Please thank God for support like this and that this team's year ended with a bang!

These funds will go specifically to support the outreach service. We'll be out over Christmas, meeting women who've maybe had no-one to celebrate with or who've been working the streets instead of curled up in the warm. Please pray for us as we continue to serve them, and pray for them that we can show them something of what Christ shows us in his coming into creation as one of us.

## Hallelujah!

Some absolutely wonderful news: one of our peer volunteers at Peony, a former One25 service user, now has a full time job in another agency, working with people experiencing severe disadvantage! This is an incredible testament to her own courage and determination. It also shows how the women are a constant source of inspiration to us and that the work we do can bring about brilliant results.

## Praying regularly for specific women

Very recently, **Shirley's** mental health has significantly improved. This comes at the same time as we finally got her benefits sorted and as she got onto a course that she's really excited about and where she shows a lot of talent. Despite the difficulties, she's been keeping on top of problems with her accommodation and has been really disciplined about maintaining her recovery. She's accepting lots of different kinds of support and we want the very best for her, as with all the women. She's close to making a real break – pray for her, that she is encouraged by all that she's achieved so far.

There's not much more to say about **Lucy** at the moment. Not so long ago she was street sex-working very frequently. Now she's housed, managing her addiction and reconnecting with her family. But these are huge changes to deal with, never mind everything that's happened to her up until now. May God keep her strong and, where she cannot be, may she be surrounded by love.

*"He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things."*

1 Corinthians 1:17, 19-20

Vision for the Vulnerable meetings in 2020 (from 7.30pm) are:

21 January:	St Paul's Church, 2 Southville Road, BS3 1 DG
28 April:	Woodlands Church, Woodland Road, BS8 2AA
14 July:	Horfield Methodist Church, 1 Churchways Avenue, BS7 8SN
13 October:	Christ Church Clifton, Clifton Down Road, BS8 3BN

Please do join us if you can.

May God bless you for your support and prayers for us this Christmas,



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