



For women to **heal and thrive**

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## **Dear Prayer Supporters,**

It was great to see those who could make the Vision for the Vulnerable meeting earlier this week. A great reminder that we are surrounded by your love and prayers which is a big comfort to us all. Thank you.

## **Safety and health**

The challenges that the women face seem only to grow. Women continue to be in very dangerous situations, both out on the streets and within their relationships. In the last year we've had 82% more women reporting violence to us. In addition, we see more women coming to drop-in with poor mental health and so much of our work now is about supporting women in these times of crisis. Please pray for the women's safety and health.

## **Protection and resilience**

We are all experiencing the impact of higher Covid case numbers and rates. At One25 the impact on services can be significant. We can only run services with our people in place and we've done our best to adapt services whenever needed and kept everything open as much as possible. From the start of August we hope to be able to open up for women to be actually on the van (one at a time) and we can't wait to be able to offer this safe space out on the dark streets. Please pray for protection and health for staff, volunteers and the women.

## **Relentless hope**

We continue to hold relentless hope for every woman that we meet. We long for them to heal and thrive. We know that they can and do! We were really encouraged to be given the Centre for Social Justice Award last month. The film that they made for us is a great tool to spread awareness and we hope improve understanding and support for them. A highlight of winning the award was being able to celebrate this film with the world. This was one of our favourite messages:

“Amazing news that @One25Charity have won an award from @csjthinktank This video brought back memories of a time 20+ years ago when I regularly used the van. It also brings home the importance of compassion, care and love. I am forever grateful to organisations like @One25Charity”

Please pray that more women can heal, feel loved and have brighter tomorrows and today's.

## Praying regularly for specific women

Coming out of lockdown has shown us so much we couldn't see before. Apart from those we saw for food drops, contact with women was through the phone. So much has been missed about their needs that they wouldn't tell us but that normally we'd see: a black eye, lost weight... But we kept doing everything we possibly could and now we're doing even more to get women all the support they need, when they're ready to take it.

With her serious physical health concerns, **Shirley** has been very low and started drinking heavily. She sometimes feels like life is too much and that there's no hope. But when she does come to drop-in she feels safe and valued. It's a time for her just be there and to be held, not being pushed and just encouraged. Please pray that she finds the strength to come back and engage with drop-in and the support there, in particular with Dr Lucy.

We're very concerned that **Lucy** is in real danger of harm and of losing her tenancy. There is serious risk from the drug dealers who are harassing her and using her flat, as well as from her drug use itself. This is all having a massive effect on her mental and physical health. Her caseworkers are making regular welfare checks and she has the Freephone number so she can call us any time. Please pray that she stays in touch so we can support her – her housing was such a blessing after such a long time being homeless between prison sentences. Pray for her safety and for the caseworkers and police working around her.

**Camilla** came to drop-in on her birthday and told us "I wouldn't be alive without One25 – you are my family!" She's been buoyed by hope for progress with her immigration status which could give her so much better access to health services and finance after being marginalised for so many years. She wants to try detoxing from alcohol again but, rather than doing this in the community, this time we think we can get her into a residential unit. Please pray for her immigration status, for those at One25 and in adult social services who do so much to understand and support her, and for her to feel more of God's love through the love she's shown.

*"So the poor have hope  
and injustice shuts its mouth."*

Job 5:16

Thank you,



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