



For women to **heal and thrive**

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Dear Prayer Supporters,

Thank you so much for your prayers and for having the women in your hearts. I have been in post as the new CEO for just over a month now, although I have been working at One25 for over five years. So can I ask you please to pray for me to lead the charity well... for us to continue reaching out to marginalised women who need our support... for the managers to support the teams to be safe and well?

The trial for having the van out at weekends has continued so far and we are grateful to be going out to the women every single night of the week. The women tell us that they feel safer seeing the van driving around at night and we now have more opportunity to build relationships with the women to support them to access our services during the day.

Very sadly, I need to give you the news that 'Shirley' has died. We lost Shirley in November last year after her being known to One25 for over ten years. This was felt a great deal by the casework and drop-in teams who had such strong and loving relationships with her.

Shirley was a beautiful woman who would often take time to ask others how they were doing and to say something nice about a person to make them feel better about themselves. Shirley was also very talented and creative and had made a beautiful piece of stained glass that she was very proud of. Please pray for Shirley to be at peace and for the grief of those who loved her.

Your prayer helps us to feel safe and protected. Please continue to pray for the women's safety and for them to feel loved. We are so privileged to walk alongside the women and for them to share their lives with us.

Praying regularly for specific women

Until recently, **Lucy's** situation was particularly worrying and the police informed us that her flat had probably been taken over by drug dealers. And prior to that she got the news from her father's ex-wife that he had had a serious stroke and would likely not recover. But she's kept up coming to drop-in so that visit last year (for the first time possibly ever) must have made a real impression. She's had some really positive interactions there with other service users and has re-started her script! A more recent visit from her caseworker saw her flat looking lovely and tidy so it looks like the dealers might have moved on. But she is quite ill and she's still street sex-working. She herself asks again for prayers for her safety. There's so much hope, even if she can barely see it herself – please pray for her.

It's great that **Camilla's** immigration status continues to progress but it means she will have to talk about the trauma of being trafficked. Please pray that going through those experiences with an official doesn't derail her efforts to moderate her drinking. She gets a lot of love and recently had a birthday celebration in drop-in with cards from the team. Let's give thanks that she is in good spirits, her housing remains stable and she is in regular touch with drop-in and casework.

*"Those who sow in tears
Shall reap with songs of joy."*

Psalm 126:6

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenny". The script is cursive and fluid, with a large initial 'J' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'y'.

Jennifer Riley
Chief Executive Officer