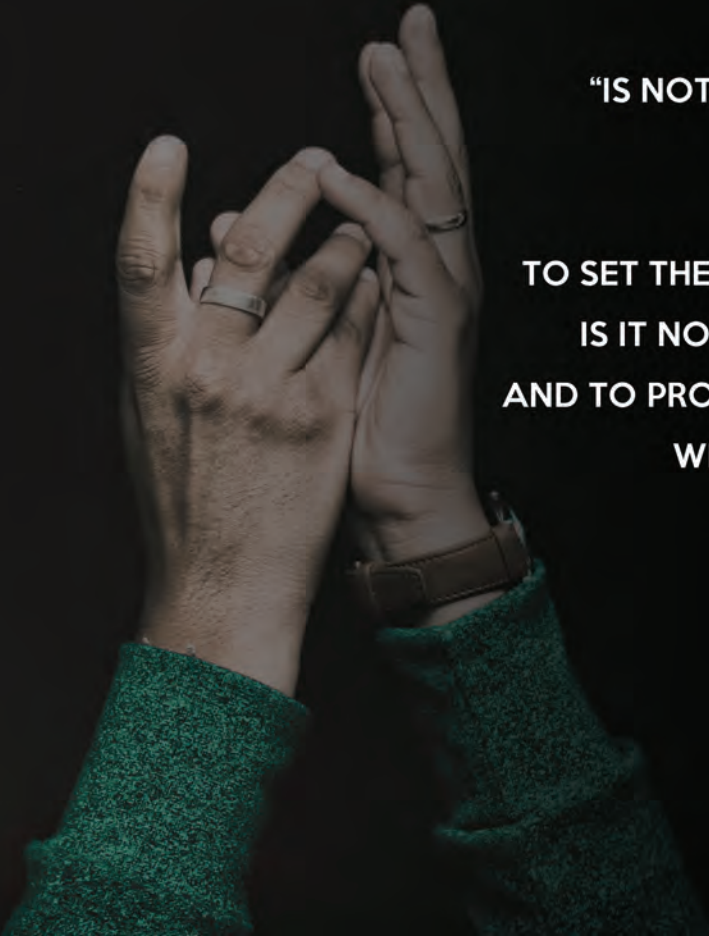


OPEN HANDS

THE NEXT CHAPTER



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A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together in a prayerful gesture. The hands are positioned on the left side of the frame, with fingers interlaced. The person is wearing a green, textured sweater and a brown leather watch on their left wrist. The background is a solid dark color.

“IS NOT THIS THE KIND OF FASTING I HAVE CHOSEN:
TO LOOSE THE CHAINS OF INJUSTICE
AND UNTIE THE CORDS OF THE YOKE,
TO SET THE OPPRESSED FREE AND BREAK EVERY YOKE?
IS IT NOT TO SHARE YOUR FOOD WITH THE HUNGRY
AND TO PROVIDE THE POOR WANDERER WITH SHELTER –
WHEN YOU SEE THE NAKED, TO CLOTHE THEM,
AND NOT TO TURN AWAY FROM YOUR
OWN FLESH AND BLOOD?”

ISAIAH 58v6-7

In 2008, we met a pregnant lady in Highfields who was homeless and asked us for help. We were able to do very little and we began to understand that care towards the poor was at the very heart of God and to be part of the core of our vision.

Since that moment we have seen an extraordinary work established in our city that has impacted the lives of thousands of people. Our simple Compassion Centre in Highfields has had well over 100,000 visits and people have been loved, prayed for, supported and given dignity. Individuals have been clothed, helped, trained, given food and furniture, household items and support. It has been our privilege to be the hands and feet of Jesus, and to treat all people as royalty.

For the last 2 years we have been searching for a new Compassion Centre. We have now found THAT place and we stand at a moment of destiny. In these moments we decide whether we will take a step of faith and run into all God has for us. At Open Hands we stand right now at a door of amazing opportunity.

Thank you also for taking some time to read through this booklet. Our prayer is that you will be inspired by the opportunity we have and moved to help this vision become a reality.

David & Susan Hind



THE JOURNEY SO FAR

Open Hands was set up by Trinity Life Church to serve the needs of those most vulnerable and disadvantaged in the city of Leicester. The charity began in 2006 through the work of 'Hand In Hand Preschool' and quickly expanded its services to respond to the increasing needs of the local area.

Alongside practical help and advice, Open Hands provides free skills training, mentoring and volunteering opportunities to equip and empower individuals to move forward in their lives. Everyone is treated with love, dignity and respect and offered hope for the future.

Thanks to faithful volunteer teams, the charity has provided emergency support and care to over 10,000 individuals and families living in poverty in Leicester.

Hand In Hand Preschool opens	Opening of The Compassion Centre	Open Hearts (2011)	Receive 5 year grant funding to enable work to continue and expand
Open Hands officially begins!	Tuesday Night Meal begins	Community Carers (2011-2012)	
	Drop-In Sessions begin (clothes & household items)	SHED project 2011-2015)	
2006	2009	2011	2013
2008	2010	2012	
Food hampers given out	Furniture Project, Emerge Self-Esteem Course & English Classes Begin	Support Centre Opens (Beauty For Ashes craft classes run 2012-2014)	



Food Store Opens
Employability mentoring begins
(Allotment -2017, SHED project)

2015

Hand in Hand Preschool opens at The Oak Centre in Braunstone

Tuesday night meal relaunches as Pukka Pie Night

Food hampers available for collection from partners

2017

Restore Project Launched

2019

2014

Launched Tour de Leicestershire annual cycling fundraiser

2016

6 Degrees Opens
Open Hands Receives 'The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service'

2018

Next Steps employability workshops begin

2020

New Compassion Centre!

NEXT STEPS

To keep providing the best care and support we can offer to the poor of our city we need space to expand and flourish. And so... we are moving to a 6,500 sq. foot warehouse leased to us by the Leicester City Council (a 10-year lease with room to negotiate a longer term).

The new warehouse will provide us with the space to house all of our projects under one roof whilst providing a more secure future in which to receive another 100,000 visits from our guests!

Whilst we continue to deliver our work from our current Compassion Centre we look to spend 6 months renovating and preparing our new warehouse for our move.

APRIL	Secure Lease & Commence Work
MAY	Build Mezzanine Floor & New Furniture Warehouse Space
JUNE	Move Out Of Current Furniture Warehouse
JULY	Build Internal Rooms of New Compassion Centre
AUGUST	Decorate & Prepare For Move
SEPTEMBER	Relocate Compassion Centre
OCTOBER	Official Opening of New Centre



PLANS



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GROUND FLOOR PLAN

- 1 Furniture Warehouse
- 2 Roller shutter
- 3 Racking
- 4 TLC Storage
- 5 OH Storage
- 6 PAT Room
- 7 Store
- 8 Toilet
- 9 'Restore' Training Room
- 10 Workshop
- 11 Spray booth
- 12 Extractor/Compressor Rm.

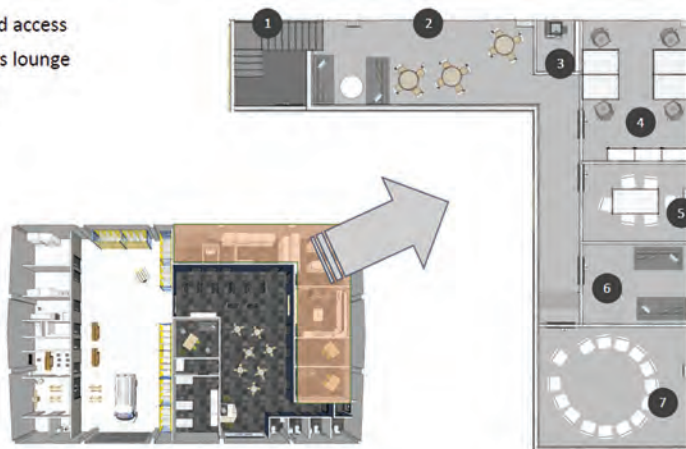


- 13 Support Centre Rooms
- 14 Reception
- 15 Café
- 16 Clothing Racks
- 17 Kitchen
- 18 Food Donation Storage
- 19 Cleaning Cupboard
- 20 Changing Room
- 21 Donation Sorting Room
- 22 Donation Drop Off Point
- 23 Drop In Project Working
- 24 Food Store
- 25 Toilets

Open Hands
compassion in action

FIRST FLOOR PLAN

- 1 Stairs to first floor – Restricted access
- 2 Café seating area – Volunteers lounge
- 3 Printer room/Office supplies
- 4 Office
- 5 Meeting Room
- 6 Meeting Room
- 7 Meeting/Training Room



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FAVOUR. Pray for God to meet our every need through securing funding, business support, partnerships and every resource and skill required to complete the project.

Pray

WISDOM. Pray that God will guide every step of the journey & that the team will have the vision and expertise to plan a space that gives room for all God is calling Open Hands to become.

PROVISION. Pray that the needs of our guests (beneficiaries) will continue to be met through the entire move.

The new Compassion Centre will cost around £300,000 and will be developed using the giving of people who long to see a home built for broken people in Leicester. We invite you to join in and help this next chapter become a reality.

Give

Whether it's a relatively small amount given or thousands of pounds, every penny is valued, and we are grateful. Simply give in accordance with your resources. If you are already giving to a church or charity we would ask that any giving is in addition and not instead.

There are 2 ways to give:

1. Make a gift by cheque, cash or donation online
2. Make a pledge and aim to redeem it in the next 12 months

Please use the giving form and freepost envelope enclosed and aim to send between **March 22nd - 29th**. Of course, gifts can be given after this date.

For those of you who are taxpayers filling in the gift aid section on the giving form will enable us to reclaim from the Inland Revenue the basic rate tax you have paid on the amount you give.

QUESTIONS

WHAT IF WE EXCEED OUR £300,000 TARGET?

How brilliant that would be! We will carefully steward any extra and use it to strengthen the reserves of Open Hands or cover any increased running costs the new centre brings.

WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DON'T REACH THE £300,000 TARGET?

If the amount raised is less, we will install the mezzanine floor and develop the ground floor. The development of the upper floor would then become phase 2 at a future date.

HOW LONG ARE YOU ASKING US TO PLEDGE FOR?

Many people will be bringing a one off gift but if you are making a pledge we ask that it can be redeemed within 12 months.

WILL ANY OF THE OPEN HANDS LEADERSHIP KNOW WHAT I'M GIVING?

No. We feel it protects the relationship by keeping what you give confidential. Our finance team will be responsible for managing all that is given and it really helps them to pray for you when you put your name to the giving.

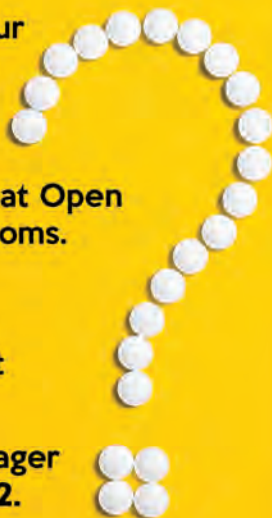
HOW DOES GIFT AID WORK?

If you are a UK Tax payer, you may Gift Aid your gift and pledge. This means that Open Hands receives 25p extra, for every £1 that you give, from HM Revenue and Customs.

CAN I CHANGE MY PLEDGE?

Yes. If for any reason you wish to alter your pledge (e.g. your financial situation changes) you can either increase or decrease your commitment. We just ask that you inform the finance team in writing.

If you have more financial questions, please feel free to contact our finance manager at sarah.hickman@trinitylifechurch.org.uk or call Open Hands on 0116 2558672.







“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:35-36, 40

