



Brian enjoying Christmas!

WE ARE STILL HERE TO SUPPORT OUR CLIENTS!

Lockdown3 started on January 5th and is likely to last until mid/end of February and possibly longer – but we are continuing to work to bring much needed help and support to those who need it. Our staff are available 5 days a week as normal, with a virtual Drop In (using Skype and live web chat) and continuing floating support through “walk and talk” exercises and using virtual technology. We are also still providing food parcels wherever needed through a drop off service or on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, between 9 and 4.30, via a pre arranged pick up at the office. We can also

accept food and toiletry donations on those days. Although being done remotely, our other services, such as mediation, counselling and emotional support will also continue during this difficult period.



The joy of Christmas

These photos are of children of one of Marina's clients receiving a pair of Unicorn Llama's kindly donated by a member of the public for Christmas. The lady who donated them asked that they go to a good home. We can confirm the girls were thrilled with their Llamas (as we think these pictures show) and their Mum tells me they take them everywhere!



We have teamed up with Amazon Smile which means you can help us raise money, at no cost to yourselves, every time you shop with Amazon. This means that for every purchase you make on Amazon they will make a donation to us! All you need to do is simply shop at smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1106209-0 or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app, and AmazonSmile will donate to us at no extra cost to you.



As always we want to THANK every organisation and individual who made donations to us over the last 3 months, whether that is food, toiletries or money. We can never mention every donation but a few thanks go out to Xandor; West Bromwich Building Society; Bromsgrove School; Burcot Grange staff; Bromsgrove & Redditch Retirement Fellowship; Dodford Village Hall; The Supper Club; Lickey End Church; Moyola Charity; Asda; Bromsgrove United Charities; Bromsgrove Lions 250 Club; BDHT; Sainsbury's; Pinfields; Charities Trust; Amazon; and all who supported us through The Big Give pledges.



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 and join the fun!**



Stacy's story

December saw the launch of Stacy's Story filmed by Lloyds Bank Foundation and Stories for Change. Stacy, one of our past clients, spoke about her experiences of

**As a young mother
Stacey has been through
harder times than most.**

Watch her story here:
<http://ow.ly/XLZr50CHXvr>



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being homeless and the support she received from us. We launched the film on 1st December, the start of The Big Give Christmas Challenge. The film helped us to smash our Challenge target of £1,300 in 3 hours but the local community didn't stop there, going on to raise over £4,000 in the next 7 days! Thank you so much to everyone who donated - you helped fund Christmas food parcels and energy vouchers.

Christmas Goodies!

Thanks to Bromsgrove and District Farmers who put together 30 Christmas Hampers for us this year. They were filled with goodies like mince pies, chocolates, tinned turkey and Christmas Crackers - helping our clients to have a merry Christmas. They were all very gratefully received. We also received big food donations from the Co-Op, Chandler Court Nursing Home and LHDP Smile Care

Left to right: Claire from LHDP Smile Care, Nicola Burton from Chandler Court and representatives from Bromsgrove & District Farmers all helping to provide a better Christmas for our clients



We were also involved with the production and distribution of Christmas meals to over 150 people/families across the district in a project involving members of the Children and Young People Providers group and was coordinated by Sarah MacIntosh from Community Safety. We provided the custard for the Xmas pud and Apple Pie. Jackie and Kelly (*right*) and Ann and Joe (volunteers) helped deliver the meals which were cooked at Blackwell Court and packaged in tubs to be taken out whilst still hot. A fantastic example of the community and agencies working together.



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