

OUR COMMUNITY PAGE

EMPOWERING

ENABLING

WELCOMING

QUALITY



AWESOME!

WELCOME TO OUR
1ST EDITION OF "OUR
COMMUNITY PAGE

The GAP Christian Family Centre has been working along the community for over 22 years now.

The last 18 of these, have been from our current site on Hargate Lane, West Bromwich. Working alongside the lovely community of Tantany, and also across the town of West Bromwich, and even reaching the whole of Sandwell and parts of Black Country and Birmingham.

But....We have have supporters of our vision right across the UK which isn't bad for a grassroots community charity.

MISSION

We exist to make meaningful connections with people in the community in order to empower, enable, involve and build up individuals and families, in doing so, demonstrating our Christian faith and God's love

good
vibes



FROM JAN -MARCH
2023 WE HAVE
SERVED 965 MEALS
TO CHILDREN AND
OUR LOCAL
COMMUNITY



*Meet
Ashley*

Let's introduce you to Ashley.

He has become the face of our kitchen staff, alongside Kirsty, who currently manages our kitchen.

Ashley came to the centre about 12months ago, as part of a new partnership with The Westminster School. A small group of students, with additional needs. He chose to continue to volunteer in our kitchen with Kirsty and is the inspiration to our new project "Discover yourself through cooking" which combines mentoring and cooking to support young people who have additional needs or find main stream education difficult.

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Over the last 12 months we have worked with FareShare, West Midlands to reduce the amount of food wastage each year in the UK.

This has enabled the charity to provide affordable community meals, reduced our food costs in our play provision and even more than this we are able to share food with local families and individuals with our give aways.



7 billion meals
worth of good-to-eat food
is wasted
every year in the UK

FROM JAN -MARCH
2023 OUR FABULOUS
LITTER PICK
VOLUNTEERS HAVE
COLLECTED OVER 50
BAGS OF LITTER OF
OUR STREETS

Our Community!

Our charity prides itself in the amazing relationships its builds with individuals many fondly describe it as being family. Recently, we have been part of a group of Sandwell organisations who have participated in a series of ABCD workshops, which has not only consolidated the amazing work the charity has been doing, but also given us some fresh learning .



Community Offer!

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MONDAYS
Parent and toddlers club
Term time only
9.00am-11.30am
Join the fun and games
£1.50
Per child

Tea@thegap
A 2 course hot, freshly cooked meal for only £5. unlimited hot drinks!
6.30pm- 8pm
book in with Kirsty
Kirsty@thegaponline.org

TUESDAYS
Craft group
11am-2pm
Bring you own project and meet other crafters
Learn a new skill
£3 per session
Includes drinks and snacks

WEDNESDAYS

Fed up of seeing litter on your streets? Then be part of the solution and join our team of volunteers !
Meeting at the gap
10am- 12.00
All equipment provided



PLACE OF WELCOME

Lunch@thegap
A warm and friendly environment!
Delicious, homely food!
Join us for lunch and a cuppa
£3.50 book in with Kirsty
12.00- 1.30pm



IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS OUR 36 VOLUNTEERS TOGETHER HAVE RECORDED OVER 1000 HOURS

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WHAT SKILLS CAN YOUR BRING?

Lots more coming soon....
Including Quiz Nights, Community Event on Hargate School Play Fields,
Community Trip to Southport and our famous Charity Ball.

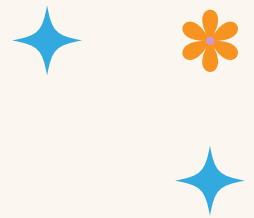
WHAT TALENTS CAN YOU SHARE?

OUR COMMUNITY IS PLANNING A
STREET PARTY
FREE ENTRY
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CHRISTIAN FAMILY CENTRE
KING CHARLES III CORONATION • 6TH MAY 2023
SATURDAY 6TH MAY 2023
START AT 10 AM UNTIL 4PM PM
HARGATE LANE, WEST BROMWICH
BOUNCY CASTLES & LIVE MUSIC
OTHER SIDE ATTRACTIONS
We would love this to be a great day for residents to enjoy together... please complete the attached form and return it to the GAP Centre. (Road Closure has been applied for from Sandwell MBC)

WHAT ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT?

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CHRISTIAN FAMILY CENTRE
we would love to see you at
OUR COMMUNITY SPACE
1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH @1PM
Our community meetings are for Gap Volunteers, Staff and supporters, to come and discuss ideas to support our community offer, to raise community issues and to shape the development of Our Community Centre.
Just to remind you we have our Lunch@thegap on Wednesdays 12-1.30pm so if you want to book in for Lunch (only £3.50 per person) then please let me know advance so your meal can be prepared and served prior to our meeting
FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL
ANDREW@THEGAPONLINE.ORG

174 PARENTS
REGISTERED
219 CHILDREN
REGISTERED
1662 SESSIONS
DELIVERED



Meet Shahana, from TPC Therapy, She has been mentoring and training our Play Practitioners for the last 12 months informing our practice to understand and respond using Therapeutic principals.

This was introduced to Time2play in response to the growing concerns around children and young people's mental well being, especially coming out of the pandemic. We wanted to give our children and families the best service and support we could

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We became acutely aware coming out of the pandemic, that we were entering into a new crisis and we needed to respond to support our families and children.

The Cost of living crisis has effected us all, and although the Government has put in place some support through the HAF program for families where children received free school meals, there was a lot of working parents who could not access this support. So we secured a pot of funding from Awards for All (National Lottery) which has enable us to offer our new Activity Weeks for children offering the core hours 10am-4pm for only £7.20 per day which we know has been really appreciated by our families. We continue to offer bolt on hours from 8am-10am and 4pm -6pm for parents who still need the extended day



OUR VISION IS TO
BUILDING A
FLAGSHIP
CHRISTIAN
FAMILY CENTRE



We need everyone to play their part to ensure our community is not only here for the next 20 years but is able to work alongside our community in making our communities better places to live.



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