

OUR COMMUNITY PAGE

EMPOWERING



ENABLING



WELCOMING



QUALITY



AWESOME!

WELCOME TO OUR 2ND
JAM PACKED EDITION OF
"OUR COMMUNITY PAGE"

Our most recent addition to our services to our community is our "Discover yourself through cooking".

We are privileged to be part of a town where "learning is part of its embedded culture" and as a charity we have a long and established tradition of working alongside many of our secondary schools and colleges offering work experience and student placements. This academic year we have offered over 31 opportunities to enable and empower students. While all this is amazing news, we also recognise that traditional education is not a "one size fits all", and so we have developed our new project to provide practical support in cooking, whilst opening up conversations and mentoring opportunities for young people. Read more....

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

gap
CHRISTIAN FAMILY CENTRE

DURING APRIL, MAY
AND JUNE OUR
STAFF HAVE
DELIVERED 17
EMERGENCY FOOD
PARCELS TO
FAMILIES IN NEED

Meet
Joshua



Joshua is one of the four students from Westminster School, who are the first to sign up to our Discover yourself through cooking program.

Joshua was referred by the school, because he enjoyed cooking, but lacked in confidence and self esteem, along with with number of other barriers that was affecting his chosen career pathway to become a chef. On Wednesday 12th July Joshua completed his live session, cooking a Chinese curry with egg fried rice for our community and Westminster Deputy Headteacher Ben Taylor.

The transformation in Joshua was clearly evident in the smile that beamed from cheek to cheek as he received amazing positive feedback from members of our community and Ben.

"The staff at The GAP Centre have an in-depth understanding of the needs of our students and have developed exceptional working relationships with them. Our students are gaining the experience and skills they need to be happy and confident members of their communities. The Centre has offered rich and valuable opportunities to students, through work experience and mentoring, and our young people have developed a wide range of skills through working on tasks to improve and develop the Centre's facilities. Students have been undertaking horticultural work in managing the Centre's outdoor spaces, cooking, and serving food in the Centre's Community Café and completing general maintenance tasks around the centre, including painting, and decorating. These opportunities have been fundamental in the development of employability and life skills for our students and have led to a marked increase in their self-confidence, equipping them with the skills that are so highly sought by today's employers. One student who has benefitted from our partnership with The GAP Centre developed and honed a range of catering skills during their 18 month placement working in the Community Café. This has led to them receiving an offer of an apprenticeship with the national catering company Chartwells." Deputy Head Teacher, The Westminster School.

FROM APRIL - JUNE
2023 WE HAVE
SERVED 778 MEALS
TO CHILDREN AND
OUR LOCAL
COMMUNITY

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Well Done
Josh!

IN THE FIRST HALF OF
2023 WE HAVE 225
CHILDREN
REGISTERED, 177
PARENTS AND FILLED
3238 PLACES IN OUR
PLAY SESSIONS

Our Community!

Over the last few months the charity has been mega busy making meaningful connections within our local community. Working with Students from Birmingham University, who are currently producing a marketing and digital strategy for the charity, we have started door to door canvassing to build a community profile, or picture of what our community looks like and how best we can connect with local people

Community Offer!

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
Drop in session for all.
Enjoy great company, free drinks and snacks.
Come and get involved in the activities or just enjoy a cuppa and chat
10.30am-12.00pm



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 June, the GAP opened its doors to Sandwell Church Links for their quarterly brunch. Sandwell Churches Link provides support and connectivity to 200 churches, and many other faith groups and community organisations across the borough. They strongly believe in the power of community connection, empowerment and the importance of the provision of services and events which tackle poverty in all its many forms. Through Church Links, our charity is now able to sign post local residents struggling with debt to receive support via CAP (Christian Against Poverty)



Our Charity desperately needs your support to help us continue our vital service. Please consider donating on a regular basis.

Contact
Andrew@thegaponline.org

Our Community!

We are delighted to be nominated "Charity of the Year" for two amazing local groups.



WBOS were delighted to make a small donation to this very worthwhile charity

GAP is a wonderful local charity with community and family at it's heart. This is true also of our society, as at WBOS we like to feel that we are a community and family

As many of our members have connections dating back to 1938 when our company began.

Being a local charity is so important to us, we are always very conscious of our West Bromwich roots

And have always rehearsed here, even though many of our members now live further away.

WBOS are very appreciative of the splendid work carried out by GAP and it is our pleasure to give

Some support.

We wish them well in all their future endeavours.

Vivien Davis
WBOS - Chair



The Inner Wheel Club of Wednesbury is part of an International volunteering association linked with Rotary, who try to help people and communities at home and around the world to live a better life.

As President I have chosen for my charity this year, The Gap Christian Family Centre.

Their beliefs and works are similar to our own, empowering people to live their best life. I believe this is a much needed and worthwhile cause.

Best wishes for the future!

Karen Jerrison
Inner Wheel President 2023-24



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Our Community!

Seems like it was years ago, since the majority of the nation came together to celebrate the coronation of King Charles. Our Community came together to celebrate with a Street Party, facilitated by staff and volunteers of the charity. It was a very wet day, as i recall, but in true British style.... the show must go on....



Summer is here, (not that you could tell from the weather we have been having over recent days!) but Chelsea has been busy putting together of summer packed of adventure , fun and crafts for children that will be attending our activity weeks. There are a few spaces left if you know children (and parents need a break LOL) that would enjoy coming along. Contact Chelsea for more information Chelsea@thegaponline.org

Our activity weeks have been subsidised by Awards for All Funding

KIDS SUMMER ACTIVITIES

FILL YOUR SUMMER WITH ADVENTURE, FUN, CRAFTS, AND LOADS OF EXCITING ACTIVITIES

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
26-28 JULY 23 LET'S GET READY	31-4 AUG 23 LET'S GET MESSY	7-11 AUG 23 LET'S GET INVOLVED
Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
14-18 AUG 23 LET'S GET ACTIVE	21-25 AUG 23 LET'S GO GREEN	29-1 SEPT 23 LET'S BUILD

The GAP Christian Family Centre
Registration Link: (Contact Chelsea before registration)
www.thegapchristianfamilycentre.schoolpa.co.uk
More Information 0121 525 4442 opt2 or Chelsea@thegaponline.org

Check out our new
look website
www.thegaponline.org

Our Community!

We have a very small team of volunteers who visit our community allotment weekly, but we need you to help us grow and maintain the allotment



A massive Thank you to Katy and Merisha from Black country housing group, who most weeks give up a day in the working week to come over and volunteer on our allotment.

Through this partnership with Black Country Housing, our charity has benefitted not only by gaining amazing friendships with Katy and Merisha and on occasions other members of their team, but also the donation of laptops to use in our soon to come, employment workshops and internet cafe. They have kindly purchased and donated health and safety resources for our allotment, and we are currently looking at some training opportunities for our staff on volunteers on delivering Digital workshops.

Making meaningful Connections

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OUR VISION IS TO
BUILDING A
FLAGSHIP
CHRISTIAN
FAMILY CENTRE



We need everyone to play their part to ensure our centre is here for the next 20 years supporting our local people in making our communities better places to live.



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