

GLASS DOOR

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Dear Revd Joe,

THANK YOU for helping to provide safety and support in unprecedented times

We are writing to extend our deepest thanks to the St Mary with St Alban community for your gift of £3650.31 to Glass Door Homeless Charity. Thanks to the generosity of your churches, many more people will have a route off the streets into a safer and more stable future.

Your kind contribution comes at a vital time. Homelessness is predicted to skyrocket in the coming months due to the economic and social fallout of the pandemic. Many people – a lot of them newly homeless – are turning to Glass Door for shelter and support.

Your donation could now help to provide guests with a bed in a private hostel room and three nourishing meals a day. By providing vital funding to Glass Door, you have helped someone to avoid the very real, and very serious, double threat of plummeting temperatures and rising infection rates. Thank you.

Those awaiting a space can still find a hot meal and access support at dinner-only services hosted by Glass Door volunteer teams at a number of existing partner venues. When it is safe to do so, guests will be invited to sleep here too. Yet the number of 'static shelters' we are able to open may hinge on the success of our winter fundraising appeal. Your donation takes us a big step closer to providing even more people with shelter, safety and some stability this winter.

While much has changed in the world, and adaptations have been made to our traditional services, some things remain the same. Caseworkers continue to help people move beyond homelessness, guests are always given the compassion, respect and dignity that they deserve, and the generosity of the Glass Door community still knows no bounds. Since March, 144 guests have moved into more stable accommodation, hundreds more provided with advocacy and advice, and great kindness and commitment has been shown by our supporters during this difficult time.

A former guest, who had been homeless for 26 years prior to staying with Glass Door, says that 'It was the kindness of strangers that made me believe that a different sort of future was possible.' It's a great reminder that so often, it's the little things that make a difference: kindness matters. Your collective kindness matters.

Thank you, once again, to everyone at St Mary with St Alban for your gift to provide much-needed shelter and support. Together, we are moving towards to a future where no one must sleep on the streets of London.

We hope you all continue to stay safe, well and in good spirits.

Yours sincerely,



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