



S'Marylebone  
Parish Church

# MIRACLES IN MARYLEBONE COMMUNITY APPEAL 2022 IMPACT REPORT



BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT



A special thank you to our supporting partners  
and everyone who donated toys, money, time and resources to this cause.

THE  
HOWARD  
de WALDEN  
ESTATE



The intention of the appeal in this particularly tough year was to spread some joy and hope at Christmas and help those living locally who are suffering from financial hardship.

The church set up a Miracles in Marylebone donations page and asked the church community to donate towards the miracle of a family meal, an essential care package or a toy for local people in need this Christmas.

The St Marylebone congregation, local residents, schools, businesses and other friends and donors raised £9,065.

This was distributed in the form of vouchers for food or clothing.

We also asked members of the community to donate toys and The Harley Street BID created beautifully branded donation boxes which were placed in the reception of several local business including the reception of The Howard de Walden Estate head office.

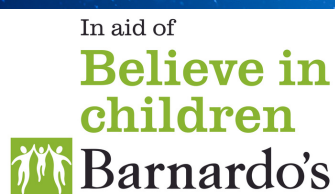
We also worked with Queen's College, Queen's College Prep School and One Welbeck were able to collect over 200 toys.

Daunt Books offered a special discount to us, making it possible to buy additional books and gift vouchers. The Harley St BID generously gifted the church a stunning tree to symbolise the appeal and stand alongside the public donation box in the porch of the Parish Church.

The toys and vouchers went to households in the Church Street area, on the Lisson Grove and Regents Park estates. We know that these families in the St Marylebone & Westminster community are struggling with the cost of living crisis. Through collaboration with other churches and established relationships with schools and charities, we were able to target those who were most in need in the area.

### **Partners:**

- St Paul's Rossmore Road work in their community on the Lisson Grove Estate
- St Mary Magdalene Munster Square on the Regent's Park Estate
- The Marylebone Project who support homeless women
- Portman Place Nursery, Church Street Ward
- Fourth Feathers Youth Group, Church Street Ward
- Barnado's Westminster
- St Marylebone Parish Church and their school community
- St Mungo's homeless charity



## **Photos and Case Studies:**

### **Mother Sally, Vicar, St Mary Magdeleine**

*50 vouchers were dropped off to Mother Sally, Vicar of St Mary Magdeleine on the Regents Park Estate on the 15th December. She told us many of her congregation were struggling to keep warm especially with the sudden snow fall. Although we provided supermarket vouchers to buy food she was delighted as they could also be used to buy warm weather clothes.*

### **Andrew Mederick, Director of Communities & Engagement, The Feathers Association**

*“The timing, thoughtfulness and kindness of your donation was so important to us, given that so many children and young people have less this year than ever before. Your donation gives them hope that people do care about each other and the vouchers gives them a choice of how to make a moment in their life emotionally better”.*

### **Florence, a local resident**

*Florence came into the church the week before Christmas in some distress. Speaking with one of the church team she explained she was struggling financially and worried about how she was going to afford food over Christmas. The stress of not being able to feed herself was affecting her mental health. The church was delighted to be able to offer her emotional and practical support. She was given vouchers for food and clothes.*

### **Susan Hart, Service Admin and Peter Feltham, Team Manager, Barnardo's**

*Your kindness and generosity have reached the hearts of many children and young people this Christmas through your donations. On behalf of all the benefactors, thank you so much.*

*More than the physical gifts, we are deeply thankful for the donation of your time and efforts.*

*The children and young people in the community will forever be grateful for everything you have done and given.*

*Thank you for your continued support to the organisation through your donations.*

### **Jay Hunt, Head of Partnerships, St Mungo's**

*“Thank you so much to everyone at Harley Street BID for kindly choosing to support St Mungo's at Christmas. Christmas is an exceptionally difficult time of year for people experiencing homelessness and your thoughtful donation of gift vouchers enabled our services to provide a tasty Christmas meal for our clients. On behalf of everyone here at St Mungo's we would like to say a special thank you for helping us to bring Christmas to as many clients as possible.”*



Fr Stephen sorting toys and writing gift cards for The Marylebone Project and The Fourth Feathers Youth Group



Dropping off toys and gift vouchers at Fourth Feathers Youth Centre



Toy donations collected by The Harley Street BID





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Barnardo's wellness Christmas party with wrapped toys to be gifted to children



Branded signage and donation boxes that were placed in the church foyer and in businesses around Marylebone.



Miracles In Marylebone