

# Social Action Annual Review 2011



## Jigsaw Project

I am the Father of the fatherless, the defender of widows,  
I am near the broken hearted and save the crushed in spirit.

**(Psalm 68:5 and Psalm 34:18)**

Our call has to be rooted in God's heart for the lost but in particular the poor, those afflicted and those in need. We live to bring those whose lives we touch closer to the kingdom of God, to demonstrate his love and grace, to impact this world with prophetic acts of kindness and service. Jigsaw exists for this purpose.

## A Year in the Life of Jigsaw...

The long established Jigsaw Café on a Wednesday afternoon continues to provide a friendly environment, hot meal and access to advice and support. So much more has happened in 2011 that it seemed a good idea to produce an annual review.

Following a successful pilot at the end of 2010, January saw the start of a series of regular Jigsaw Clothes Bank Open Days. Although these are

well attended and always good fun, they proved challenging to set up. However, the purchase of some good quality rails and storage boxes along with a sturdy steam cleaner, have meant that this process has been streamlined throughout the year. We have some regular attendees who have supported some of our other events because of their link with the clothes bank.

*My kids love the clothes bank and just being able to choose whatever they like without penny pinching...*

*When my husband lost his job I didn't think we would survive. Your weekly visits kept us going! Now he is back in work and I can't thank you enough for everything you did for us.*

In April we held our Easter Celebration with music, full meal and Easter eggs for all. It was great to have some young people helping out and we certainly needed them as we had 48 people attending.

In June we were invited to a small charities celebra-

tion at County Hall where we were encouraged to look at available grants.

June also saw the launch of the new Jigsaw Market Garden.

The Market Garden was set up to provide regular fresh vegetables to families in need. Throughout the course of the year the weekly provision has expanded so that each family now receives vegetables, meat, groceries and the occasional treat.

We have received referrals from six different organizations and Derbyshire County Council gave us a Green Watch Action Grant so we could buy a freezer, enabling us to freeze summer surplus for distribution during winter.

The Jigsaw Café continued throughout the summer holidays and we were able to meet some of the young people who had been to the Big 4

Events hosted by Emerge.

In July we received our first invitation to the Derbyshire Dales and High Peak Homelessness Forum.

The summer ended with an August Bank Holiday Barbecue at Hurst Farm Community Centre; a joint venture between Jigsaw and Derbyshire Dales CVS.

In November we secured a storage facility in Matlock to allow us to store household goods which are generously donated.

December was busy!!! Jigsaw joined with Church on the Bus and Derbyshire Dales CVS to host a Christmas buffet at Hurst Farm. DDCVS organized the venue and the leaflets. The Bus provided mince pies and cupcakes. Jigsaw provided turkey baps, mince pies, waitresses and carol singers. The Jigsaw Christmas meal was the next day and the year ended with soup and sandwiches at the Jigsaw Café on 28th December.

## JIGSAW CHRISTMAS MEAL

The 2011 Christmas meal was a real treat and we had visits from previous Jigsaw Café clients who no longer need our regular support. For the first time we gave a direct Gospel message and this was listened to respectfully and led to some interesting conversations. See *what's New for 2012* for developments.

## NUMBERS

*"We can do no great things, only small things with great love" Mother Teresa*

During 2011:

Number of rough sleepers\* in Derbyshire Dales on Annual National Count Day (23rd November). **3**

Families previously needing Jigsaw Market Garden parcels but now out of crisis **8**

Average number of people attending Jigsaw Café each week **17**

Number of families regularly supported by the Jigsaw Market Garden **18**

People who attended the Jigsaw Christmas Meal **25**

Christmas hampers provided by the Mark Haworth Memorial Fund **32**

Attendees at the Jigsaw Easter Celebration **48**

Guests at the Jigsaw Christmas Buffet at Hurst Farm Community Centre **50+**

Crisis food parcels distributed to people in need **67**

People at the Jigsaw Bank Holiday Barbecue at Hurst Farm Community Centre **100+**

Items of clothing provided from the Jigsaw Clothes Bank Open Days **1000+**

\* There are strict government rules about counting rough sleepers, this represents only a subset of the homeless.

## What's New for 2012

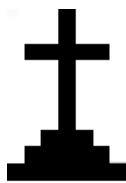
God may have more in store for us, but so far we have the following new things planned for 2012:

**Just Looking:** A pre Alpha course looking at issues such as *Does God exist?* This is a direct result of the questions asked following the Gospel message at Christmas. Just Looking starts on Thursday afternoons from 23rd February.

**Cooking on a budget course:** This links in with our Jigsaw Market Garden project and does exactly what it says... We are hoping to invite some parents from the Baby and Toddler group and parents from local schools. There will be a pilot meeting on 23rd February and the course will run every Thursday from 10-12am starting 26th April.

**Jubilee Street Party:** Hurst Farm want us back—so we will be doing another Community event probably around the time of the Queen's Jubilee.

If you are interested in helping with any of these then please talk to Deb Haworth—there's always room for more in the team.



Isaiah 61: 1

## Mark Haworth Memorial Fund

This fund is set up in recognition of Mark's conviction that showing Jesus to the needy in a practical way means providing a standard we would be happy with ourselves. In addition to the Christmas hamper collection, the fund pays for refurbishment of flats, carpets and large household items. The Fund integrates closely with Jigsaw and is really the fundraising arm that allows Jigsaw to provide unstinting and unconditional support to those in need.

*Hi just had to thank all at Jigsaw for your help with our client. I can't begin to explain the difference your help will make to this persons life. Your swift response has saved immense mental suffering, and for the first time I have seen a smile where only yesterday I had tears.*

Susan Brown, Housing Options Advisor, Age UK Derbyshire

Throughout 2011 we have been busy raising funds because we would like to buy a van so that we have the freedom to collect and deliver the many household goods we are offered and asked for at Jigsaw. We recognise that lack of adequate transport is hampering the effectiveness of this ministry.

Here are some of the fundraising events you may have supported:

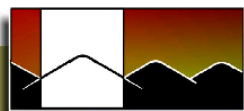
June — Charity Auction  
 August — Stall at Community Fun Day, Sycamore Inn, Matlock  
 October — Curry & Quiz Night  
 November — Wine Tasting  
 November — Stall at Christmas Market, Genesis Centre, Alfreton  
 We are almost in a position to buy a van but if anyone wants to offer any help or to organise any fundraising events then please let Deb know.

**Please pray for...**

...strength, protection and unity for the whole team: those who make meals, deliver food parcels, sort clothes, move furniture, wash up or clear away the crumbs; as well as those who provide a listening ear.

...the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of all those we have contact with and that they will see Jesus in what we do.

...a willingness to follow God's plans as the ministries develop.



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