



Depaul Ukraine staff distributing vital hot food and drink to destitute people

Your support means we can continue to support and provide a place to call home for homeless people across the UK, Europe and the USA

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can provide 4 rough sleepers a bed for the night in Ukraine

£25

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£50

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PLACE TO CALL HOME



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Edward is now a role model to others after Depaul USA helped him to move on from homelessness



Edward is a New Orleanian man who was left homeless and displaced after Hurricane Katrina. He was relocated to Tennessee and spent two years trying to make it home to New Orleans.

Edward managed to make it back to New Orleans but he remained homeless and slept at different shelters around the city before finding Depaul USA's Rebuild Centre.

At the Rebuild Centre Edward was signposted to Depaul USA Rapid Re-Housing for Chronically Homeless Individuals (RRCHI) and Coming Home programmes.

Depaul USA's RRCHI program moves people from the streets to their own apartments and provides them with the support they need to maintain stable housing.

Edward was the very first person to be housed through the program in 2014. He has been stably housed ever since.

Having access to stable housing has allowed Edward to thrive.

Edward has been able to turn his house into a home and explore his interests, like gardening, cooking and live music. He even used his passion for gardening to transform the landscaping outside his apartments.

Edward has remained a part of the Depaul USA family and now supports others experiencing homelessness. He brightens up every room, not just with his signature stylish appearance, but with his infectious positivity.

His catchphrase is "the best is yet to come", which is very appropriate, as Edward inspires others facing homelessness to look forward to their future with his story and amazing attitude to life.

Your support means that more people can transform their lives, just like Edward.

Christmas Fair success!

On 3rd December, DPI Ambassador Lady Forte hosted a Christmas Fair at Rocco Forte Hotels elegant Brown's Hotel in Mayfair, London.

His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Patron of Depaul UK, formally opened the fair by giving it his blessing. We were also pleased to welcome DPI Patron, Her Grace, the Duchess of Norfolk to the event.

The event raised an amazing total of nearly £8,000 which will go towards Depaul's London projects, helping those experiencing homelessness at this extremely difficult time.



Service news across the Group

Last month, Depaul Ireland opened Birch Haven, a new family accommodation project for women with a substance use disorder and their children. The project aims to resettle 13 families back into the community.

In early 2021, Depaul France is launching a project for vulnerable women. The service will help women access emergency beds. The team will then help clients to move into more stable accommodation.

In January, Depaul UK clients in Oldham, Manchester became some of the first people experiencing homelessness to get the vaccine as part of an initiative by the council.



Leave a legacy

Join a growing community leaving a legacy to help end homelessness.

Leaving a gift in your Will is one of the most special ways you can support homeless people and help us to transform their futures. Providing for your family, friends and loved ones should always come first. But by remembering Depaul International in your Will you can help to change the lives of homeless people around the world.

Writing a Will is not difficult but solicitors are vital for making sure your Will is written correctly. If you would like to know more about how to leave a gift to Depaul International, you can request a free information pack.

Please call us on 020 3948 9876 or email jason.eades@depaulinternational.org



Milestones at the FHA



In 2018, the Famvin Homeless Alliance launched the 13 Houses Campaign, an initiative aiming to transform the lives of 10,000 homeless people around the world in 3-5 years. The team also set themselves the goal of seeing 13 Houses projects in all of the 156 countries where the Vincentian Family works.

At the end of 2020, the FHA reached the halfway point of their goals. At present, the team have welcomed 54 projects to the Campaign across 40 countries!

One such project, is part of Fr Pedro Opeka's innovative 'Akamasoa' project

(pictured), which as well as housing, provides education and employment opportunities to slum dwellers in Antananarivo, Madagascar.

In February, Fr Pedro was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for his work among the poor! Over the last three decades, the Akamasoa project has helped an incredible 500,000 people.

Overcoming Covid-19 in Slovakia

After nearly a year on the frontline caring for over 300 vulnerable individuals on a daily basis, Depaul Slovakia recorded their first positive case in January.

Thankfully, the team were excellently prepared to deal with an outbreak. Staff were kitted out in Hazmat suits, to keep themselves and service users safe, and immediately began mass testing all clients.

Clients that tested positive were transported to the City of Bratislava's quarantine facility and when it became full, the team transformed part of their shelter into a quarantine unit.

Since then, positive cases have quickly declined and the team can see the light at the end of the tunnel.



Overall, Depaul Slovakia are feeling positive; the team feel empowered, they saw countless new volunteers sign up in a bid to help, and they received many donations from first-time givers. We thank all involved in this remarkable effort.

During these critical times, [if you can support our efforts](#) keeping those less fortunate, safe and cared for, it would be gratefully received from all at Depaul.