

CROSSREACH

Care you can put your faith in

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Prayer Diary



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Social Care Council

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CrossReach Perinatal Services

Supporting parents and families whose mental health is affected during pregnancy and/or following the birth of a child through counselling and psychotherapy, therapeutic groups and infant massage.

- For the mothers and fathers who entrust CrossReach Perinatal Services with their deepest difficulties, fears and pain and allow them the privilege of being alongside them.
- Remember those who find themselves isolated from family or their communities because of distance, relationship difficulties, feeling unable to connect or being culturally isolated.
- For the volunteers who work tirelessly throughout the services, for new volunteers starting and for those in training.
- The continuation of positive relationships and collaboration with the many health professionals who work with families.
- The development of digital health connections for families who cannot access services because they live in areas where there is no counselling provision.
- Thanks for the long service of the Infant Massage instructor and for two staff members, newly trained in this role.
- Ongoing positive working relationships amongst the team of staff and volunteers.

Beechwood House, Inverness

Beechwood House provides support and rehabilitation to individuals affected by substance use through a residential programme and community outreach work.

- Blessings, peace and protection for all who cross the door and enter Beechwood House.
- With the diversity of people who use Beechwood House services, that staff can meet their needs and support them to be free from addictive lifestyles.
- For thankfulness to God for all the blessings Beechwood House seek and give in life.
- God's grace and guidance for those who are struggling with addiction, that they may find the strength and direction to come to Beechwood House.
- Thanks for the resilience of staff in overcoming the challenges placed before them and for peace for the people who use the service in overcoming their addiction.
- Thanks for the strength God gives to the staff of Beechwood House as they support one another and those who use the service.
- For all CrossReach services and for the staff who give so much of their time to support those in need and for their dedication and commitment.

Adams House, Elderslie

Specialised residential care for people who have been diagnosed as having dementia and who can no longer live at home.

- May the Lord comfort and provide hope for the residents and that they feel the Lord's presence.
- Help for those who are struggling with loneliness and ill health. May the Lord be with them and bless them.
- For the relatives of residents, that they would feel secure and happy with the care provided.
- May the Heavenly Father be with everyone today as they do His work in Adams House. May staff have the strength, patience and understanding to do their best for the residents.
- Help for residents to find joy in everything they do today. May the Lord shine His light upon the staff so that they might spread love, happiness and humour.
- For the Friends' Group and surrounding churches that give of their time and fundraise to help enhance the service for residents.
- Adams House is thankful for the volunteers who have been moved by God to come and help at Adams House.

Gaberston House, Alloa

A residential and outreach service in Alloa for adults with mental health problems.

- For all the Individuals who use the service, their friends and families and the relationships and friendships shared.
- God's strength and guidance for the staff team as they work within the service and for those involved in their development and training.
- Gaberston House is thankful for those who provide services to the unit, for their skills and the meaningful rapports they have built with those who live and work there.
- Blessings and guidance for CrossReach Central and Regional Offices and the management as they support the service.
- As the service enters a new season, may everyone be filled with thankfulness and hope as they reflect on God's love.
- For continued blessing of the work of Gaberston House and that it may be led and guided by God now and in the future.
- For the peace and presence of the Lord to be with all of the services and for Him to support and sustain the work of CrossReach in the coming year.

Simpson House Counselling & Recovery and Sunflower Garden, Edinburgh

Working with children, young people and adults affected by substance use (either directly or indirectly) in the community, in schools and in prison.

- Grace, clarity and resources for the service as they set out new strategic goals.
- For the Lord's continued peace and presence to be felt by clients coming into the building and that He strengthens and sustains them as they learn new and different ways to cope with life.
- That clients will see their many strengths and qualities in the face of old beliefs that make it hard for them to move on.
- That the Lord will guide, help and unite all groups and organisations called to work with people affected by substance use, to achieve transformational change and to ensure speedy and accessible support for all.
- For the young people receiving support from Sunflower Garden in their schools this week; that they might feel valued and listened to.
- Thanks for the volunteers who offer their talents and gifts throughout the service.
- For a united staff team who are aware of God's never ending love and protection as they go about their roles.

Threshold Glasgow

Support at home and day opportunities for adults with learning disabilities throughout Glasgow.

- Threshold Glasgow is thankful for fresh grace and a week full of promise. May all receive the Lord's guidance in their decisions, His joy and love in their hearts, and His help to see others as He sees them.
- Good health for all and where people are ill, that they will have the Lord's help and the strength to get better.
- That customers of the service may continue to build and develop friendships and relationships and that they may grow and develop in their gifts.
- For the National Forum, run by customers of Threshold Glasgow, as they meet monthly and plan the learning disabilities' National Forum later in 2019.
- Thanks for the hardworking team at Threshold Glasgow and for the many people supported to volunteer their time for the good of others and the good of the service.
- For the family and friends of the people of Threshold Glasgow. For any that are struggling; that God would carry them through hard times and lighten heavy burdens.

Perth Prison Visitors Support and Advice Centre

Situated beside the prison, the centre provides a welcoming environment with a dedicated play area for children. They offer non-judgmental help and advice.

- Remember today all the families who use the centre and those who have not yet accessed it; that they may be drawn there to find a place of hope.
- For those who support the centre in vital ways: from financial support, donating goods and volunteering, to giving talks.
- Remember those in prison and pray they may feel a sense of peace and purpose as they serve their sentence.
- Strength and courage for the staff team as they work hard to support families. May they feel supported as they care for others.
- Thanks for the positive partnerships between the prison and the centre working to provide visitors with dignity and respect alongside security and protection for all.
- For the peace of God and the gentle power of God's Holy Spirit and for His call to freedom.
- For the children who come through the doors of the centre; may they feel welcome, understood and accepted as they engage with staff and activities.

Budhmer House, Skye

Budhmer House is a purpose-built residential home for older people, located in a quiet area of Portree.

- May the Lord guide and strengthen the team at Budhmer to be inspired by each other, and enable them to provide a quality caring service.
- For any staff facing personal challenges or who may be experiencing ill health. May they know the peace and love of God's presence.
- For new residents at Budhmer. May they experience a smooth transition into their new home and God's blessing during their stay.
- God's continued provision of the staff needed to support the residents. May they know the peace of God's presence.
- Budhmer is thankful for the services provided by its community.
- Local churches who support Budhmer House; may they be blessed.
- May 2019 continue to bring positive news with regards to the new build of Budhmer and that this work would be done with the strength of the Lord, to improve the environment for all the staff and residents.

The Mallard, The Garratt and GO2, Glasgow

Overnight respite, community activities and long term accommodation support to families with children and young people who have a learning and or physical disability.

- May the staff teams be energised, encouraged and equipped as they move forward with new developments and opportunities.
- For the families using the services; that God will provide renewed strength and resilience to cope with life's challenges.
- May God continue to provide the staff needed to support the children and young people supported.
- May the children and young people feel safe, happy and nurtured and may they thrive as they develop together.
- Thanks for those who have supported and who continue to support the service by volunteering, supporting the work financially and by providing gifts and resources for the children throughout the year. Praise God for their generosity.
- As these services move forward with new ways of supporting families, that all they do will be driven and guided by God's grace and love.

Rankeillor Initiative, Edinburgh

Temporary accommodation with emotional and practical support for adults in shared flats in central Edinburgh.

- Thanks to God for the personal growth and achievements of those supported by the service.
- For the continuation of an established and supportive team as they develop the service to best support those they work with.
- For the physical and emotional health of staff working with people who have complex needs; may God be their strength, wisdom and motivation and may they honour Him, showing His love and compassion in all that they do.
- Continuation of positive relationships with partner organisations such as the City of Edinburgh Council, local homelessness services and community organisations.
- For those facing challenging circumstances and uncertainty, that they will see Jesus in the actions of staff, as they bear witness to a hope that transcends all circumstances.
- That each client feels safe and at peace in their accommodation and for the ongoing safety and wellbeing of people who have used the service in the past.

Cameron House, Inverness

A purpose built care home for people who have dementia.

- Thanks for the staff as they care for and support the residents. May the team know God's peace as they seek to support the people in their care to achieve the highest quality of life which they can.
- Thanks for the conservatory, funded by a local charity, which allows residents to enjoy the dementia friendly garden in all weathers.
- Thanks for the warm and genuine family environment provided for those who live at Cameron House and their families.
- Thanks for the daily devotional time available for residents who want to attend regular times of Worship.
- Remember the residents and staff members who are facing serious health issues; may they feel supported in the challenges they face.
- For the wider community that contributes greatly to the life of Cameron House and the 'Friends' Group', in particular, that is incredibly supportive.
- For friends and loved ones of the residents.

Balmedie House, Aberdeen

Residential accommodation and day care for older people in a rural setting just outside Aberdeen.

- Remember new residents as they settle into their new home, and for the residents who have lived at Balmedie House for a while, as they adjust to changes around them.
- For all those who use the day care service; that they would build trust and receive the care they need in the loving Balmedie House environment.
- Thanks for the beauty of Balmedie; for the comfort and warmth within the home and for the wildlife that visits its gardens.
- For the staff, the residents and their families and friends who visit them. May God keep them safe.
- Thanks for the Sunday afternoon service and for all who lead and participate during this time of worship; bringing residents, staff and the community together.
- Balmedie House is thankful for the Friends' Group that continues to provide support in many different ways to the residents and staff.
- For the staff team as they strive to provide a high standard of care and support. May they experience the Lord's blessing.

CrossReach Counselling: Lothians

A counselling service for people of all ages across Edinburgh and East Lothian.

- That the service will be a place to heal, providing solace and faith at the time clients most require it.
- Thanks for Volunteer Counsellors who offer their time and skills to those who otherwise may not be able to afford counselling.
- For the growth of the Children and Young People's service, especially within schools, with positive joint working between the service, schools and counsellors.
- Christ's faithfulness in supplying the needs of the service and for His protection over those leading the service so that they would continue to be led and guided by the Holy Spirit in their decision-making.
- For the provision of a new building for the Dunbar service; may there be a sense of stepping into God's timely provision and a new season for the service.
- Resources to fund training in all areas and to allow the service to widen its reach in supporting adults and children.
- For the service's premises to be places of refuge amidst the storms of life that many people face, and where they can encounter the love and healing of Jesus Christ.

Clashfarquhar, Stonehaven

Clashfarquhar House provides care in flats, day care and respite care for older people. The setting of the house offers breath-taking views over Stonehaven Bay.

- Thanks for loyal volunteers and for the Friends Group who offer support and friendship throughout the service.
- God's creation: the wonderful surroundings, the people who use the services, their relatives and the supportive community of Stonehaven.
- For the local medical centre, doctors and nurses who provide medical care.
- For the local churches and groups that lead Sunday worship and for staff as they take devotions during the week.
- The 'Tea and Tunes' singing group that brings so much joy and happiness to Clashfarquhar.
- Good health for the people who use the services and their families. May the Lord be with them and enable them to enjoy each day.
- God's blessings for the staff; cooks, care workers, housekeepers and the senior team as they work together to help service users achieve the best quality of life they can.

Lewis Street Project, Stornoway

Accommodation and support for adults preparing for greater independence in the community, on the Isle of Lewis.

- That all living at Lewis Street will enjoy their time there and leave feeling more confident in their abilities.
- God's wisdom and strength for the staff as they go about their work; helping them to provide the best service to the residents, given with care and compassion.
- Remember those who have experienced or are experiencing difficult situations; may they be given the strength to seek the support they need.
- For the families of the people who use the service; may they feel reassured and supported.
- For the local congregations who support the work of the service, carried out in Christ's name.
- Thanks for God's ongoing provision of the staff team at the service and for their dedication and commitment to the residents.
- For each team member to know God's leading and guidance in the ongoing development of the service.

150 Years of Social Care

During the General Assembly in May 1869, the Church of Scotland appointed The Committee on Life and Work and its Convener, Rev Prof Archibald Charteris. This became the Church's Social Care Council, which operates as CrossReach.

- For 150 years of social care support delivered by the Church of Scotland.
- Thanks for the generosity of the individuals who made property donations, which helped establish the work.
- Thanks for the people who felt called to leave legacies to maintain and expand the social care support provided.
- For the people that support the work of CrossReach by giving of their time in prayer, through engaging with our social media, by participating in our events and by making donations to our campaigns and work.
- For the many volunteers who make this work possible.
- Thanks for each of the staff members who, despite the challenges facing social care providers in 2019, are committed to ensuring the work continues.
- God's wisdom and guidance for senior staff and the Social Care Council members as they look to lead the organisation into the next decade and beyond.

The Bungalow, Stonehaven

A specialist residential care home for adults with profound and multiple Learning Disabilities.

- Shaping of the management and leadership teams within The Bungalow and across CrossReach to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ to all of those who are involved in or touched by the work.
- Thanks for those who care for people in suffering and pain; may the Lord provide them with the wisdom and insight needed.
- For the family and friends of the people who use the service and for their faith in The Bungalow.
- That the thoughts, deeds and actions of staff reflect Jesus Christ today and that He will continue to shape the future of CrossReach.
- For The Bungalow to be a blessing to those it serves; encouraging them, loving them and helping them.
- As staff go about their work, may God provide them with all they need.
- Thanks for the vibrant community in which The Bungalow is situated and in which The Bungalow plays a celebrated part.

About us

At CrossReach we offer loving care to people of all ages who are in need of a helping hand, supporting them to live life to the full whatever their circumstances.

We have been at the forefront of high quality social care for 150 years. During that time we have worked hard to understand the needs of the people who turn to us for help and with them have been at the forefront of pioneering services which have literally changed thousands of lives for the better.

Today we are one of the largest care providers in Scotland, with experience across a broad range of services. We are still growing, learning and improving, thanks to the incredible people we have the privilege to support, and all those who support us.

We are guided and motivated by a Christian ethos of love, compassion and care for all. But you don't have to be churchgoer, a member of the Church of Scotland, or even a person of faith to use our services, work for us, or support our life-changing work.

Our Mission Statement

In Christ's name we seek to support people to achieve the highest quality of life which they are capable of achieving at any given time.

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