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Dear Friend of The Rahab Project,

THANK YOU ...

Thanks for your support over 2010. Whether it's been your time, money or prayers (for some of you, all three!), it is most appreciated. Without you, we wouldn't be where we are today. Knowing we have the support of donors, prayer-partners & ex-volunteers is invaluable: please don't underestimate the impact you've had! November 2010 is our 5th anniversary, having started our Night Outreach Teams on 15th November 2005. **You** have been part of that journey. **THANK YOU!**

YOUR PRAYERS ...

Looking back over 2010 we can rejoice in the ways God's guided and provided for Rahab. Office space in Alana House has blessed our resources and existing partnerships with numerous agencies and 3 new volunteers are involved weekly. However, we have also known sadness: in October a lady we'd worked closely with for 18 months died. Please keep her family - and those that knew her - in your prayers. We also continue praying for finance to sustain Rahab. We know we've been truly blessed through donations of peoples's time and money. **Join us in covering Outreach Teams, or bi-monthly at CCA through prayer. Contact us** for more details on volunteering.



THIS CHRISTMAS ...

As temperatures drop, the need for accommodation and support rises. We currently support between 25-40 women through prison visits, arranging food parcels, keywork and advocacy. Our Night Outreach Teams distribute small presents to women during December. We also continue visiting and writing - offering hope - to any women we know in prison during this tough season. During Christmas we see people go through real hardships. Please remember those we know as we offer practical and emotional support. Can you consider being someone who gets involved in these stories? **We're in real need of Night Outreach Team members for 2011, please get in touch if you would like to apply to be a Volunteer.**



MAKE SOME NOISE ...

We're finding many churches and community groups haven't heard of about The Rahab Project, and we're looking to rectify that! In order to continue our work, we depend on the prayer and support of those that hear about the work and are and are inspired to get involved. Are you part of a small group, or coffee morning? Does your church have a notice board or weekly notice sheet? This could be the opportunity we need to make some noise about Rahab - for prayer and for support. If you're interested in **having someone visit to speak about Rahab**, or could become an **advocate**, please email admin@rahab.co.uk or text **07825 331 262**.



COULD YOU ...

In the current financial climate, we know it's hard to predict what lies ahead. Most of us, however, have the promise of a roof over our head and sustained connection with friends and family. The Rahab Project seeks to **offer hope and friendship** to people without that certainty. **We're in real need of male and female volunteers for Night Outreach.** Please ask for a Volunteer Application Form. The necessity for day-time support also increases as our support is needed. Could you offer a day a week (befriending, outreach or admin) to volunteer with us?



HOW TO ...

We're hoping that you've read this Christmas letter and are inspired! But inspiration's no good if you don't know what to do with it. So here are some suggestions!

Apply to be a volunteer. Come along to a bi-monthly prayer meeting. Consider becoming a Rahab Project advocate at your community group or church. **Also ...**




... please think about becoming a regular donor.

£5 a week covers 20 prison visits. **£10 a month** buys 1 year's hot drinks for Night Outreach Teams. **£20 a fortnight** enables staff and volunteers to do over 100 Outreach support sessions.

Cheques: made payable to *The Mustard Tree Foundation* (with *The Rahab Project* written clearly on the back) and sent to Alana House, 2 Southern Court, South Street, Reading, RG1 4QS. Standing Orders: to *The Mustard Tree Foundation - The Rahab Project*. Our account is with HSBC Bank plc. 13 School Road, Reading, RG31 5AR. Sort Code: 40-44-49. Account no: 51418203 For a full Giving Form, please contact admin@rahab.co.uk or call 07825 331 262

Warmest regards for the New Year,

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