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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2011

THANKS TO ...

Thanks goes to you for your interest in The Rahab Project! **For all you already give** (time, prayer, money) it's fantastic! It's always encouraging to have opportunities to **share the journey** of the project, & to **share experiences of serving** a group of people that society often forgets about. Thank you for your **compassion & motivation** in reading more about us & getting involved. A **great big thank you** to God, for continuing to provide for the project. Last year we applied to a trust & we've just been awarded part funding for the next 3 years!

STORIES & STRENGTHS ...

The Rahab Project currently offers support to 29 women, 2 of whom are in prison, another 2 are in & out of hospital. Through support we've offered, & through helping link with services offering substance misuse support, one young lady has stayed out of street prostitution since Spring last year. We continue partnership working with 30+ statutory & voluntary sector agencies, maintaining strong relationships with HMP Bronzefield & HMP Holloway. We're still recognised (& missed when we've not got enough staff to go out!) on Night Outreach by women who've seen us over the last 5 years. As well as praise for our support from women we know, it's encouraging that numerous agencies & practitioners recognise the value of this work.



NIGHT OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS ...

The Rahab Project is still in **desperate need** of **male & female Night Outreach Team Volunteers**. Could you give up **JUST TWO HOURS A MONTH**, from **9:30 til 11:30pm** on a **Tuesday** or a **Friday**? Please consider applying to volunteer with us. Email admin@rahab.co.uk for a Volunteer Application Form.

What happens when applying to become a **Night Outreach Volunteer**? Fill in a Volunteer Application Form. Send it!

Have an informal interview with the Project Manager. Come out as a Team Observer. We wait for references. Sign the Volunteer Agreement. Attend a Training Session. Join a Team! Why? Because it's a **privilege & a blessing** to continue **servicing** in this area, **humbly meeting people where they're at** & providing **practical support**.



COULD YOU ...

In the midst of growing uncertainly, it is a blessing for so many of us to still have the continuity of friends, family & basic income. At Rahab we seek to **offer hope & friendship** to people without that certainty. Could you consider offering some time to volunteer with us during the day? Supporting us in prayer is fundamentally important, too. Could you join us at our bi-monthly prayer meeting?



We meet **every other month** on a **Tuesday**, 8-9pm, to pray at the **CCA Support Centre**, 369 Oxford Road.

SPREAD THE WORD ...

Throughout 2010 we wanted to try and **spread the word** about Rahab – a lot of people haven't heard of us, and we want to rectify that! Without volunteers and supporters, The Rahab Project can't continue. Are you part of a **small group**, or **coffee morning**? Does your church or office have a **notice board**? These are all opportunities for people (& you!) to hear about us & get involved in the project. Please consider **inviting us to speak about The Rahab Project**, or become an **advocate in your church**. To invite us just email admin@rahab.co.uk or text 07825 331 262.



WHAT CAN YOU DO NEXT ...

We hope you continue to be inspired by our desire to serve & share. **But inspiration's useless if you don't know what to do next!** Here are some suggestions: Apply to be a **volunteer**. Come to our **prayer meeting**. Become a Rahab Project **advocate** at your church or community group. Become a valuable **regular donor** (£5 a week = 20 prison visits. £10 a month = 1 year's hot drinks for Night Outreach Teams. £20 a fortnight enables staff and volunteers to do over 100 Outreach support sessions). For a Giving Form, email admin@rahab.co.uk, visit www.rahab.co.uk/resources or call 07825 331 262



DATES FOR THE DIARY ...

Tuesday Prayer & Update: March 15th, May 17th, 19th July, September 20th 2011
8-9pm @ CCA Support Centre, 369 Oxford Road, Reading, RG30 1HA.

This bi-monthly meeting is a good opportunity to support Rahab in prayer. Please tell us if you're coming.

The Rahab Project: Dessert & Discussion: Saturday 7th May 2011
7-9pm @ St Laurence's Church, Friar Street, Reading, RG1 1DA.

An opportunity for anyone who's interested in Rahab to come & learn more – *and* dessert & discussion!

Volunteer Training Morning: Saturday 18th June 2011
10am – 1pm, The Arcade Building, 11 Glebe Road, Reading, RG2 7AG.

Training's a must for all our volunteers. If you're applying, or thinking about volunteering, you should come!

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