NEWSLETTER 25. Jan 2018 Year End Update

Making Christmas Special for All

Over the festive period, we received **5 tonnes of food** and **57 Christmas boxes** from churches, schools, local businesses and community groups which allowed us to distribute:

350 Advent Calendars to Alloa Family Centre, Tulli AFC, Homestart, Play Alloa, Community House, Signpost Recovery, Health Visitors, Women's Aid, Children & Families Social Services and 3 local School Nurseries.

200 Tubes of Sweets and 90 Split Selection Boxes to 15 schools, Struan House, Play Alloa, Lochies School and 3 Nursery Classes.

62 Families received a food parcel in advance of Christmas day.

45 Soup Pot service users received a single food parcel the week before Christmas.

We could not have provided this support without the kind-hearted individuals and organisations within Clackmannanshire. **Our Foodbank Coordinator, Adrienne Hilton says "she was amazed by the donations that people gave and wanted to thank everyone for their spirit of giving which helped make Christmas a little more special for children and families across the Wee County.**

Our Centre Manager also wanted to thank our **wonderful group of volunteers** for their commitments throughout 2017. We could not operate our services without our volunteer's hard work and the continued support we receive from the community. *THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!*

Mr & Mrs Clause visit our Christmas Gig at The Gate

We were delighted to secure funding from **Asda's Local Impact fund to** permanently operate a quarterly Gig at The Gate throughout the year. Every person who attended our Christmas Gig received a gift from Mr & Mrs Clause after being transported to and from the event by Gordon Lennox. Jean (pictured) says "*she felt like royalty when a limousine and chauffeur turned up on her doorstep to take her to the Gig*". Our Centre Manager could not thank Gordon enough for putting a smile on the guest's faces which continued throughout the day as everyone enjoyed an afternoon of song and dance. **The next Gig will be held in March 2018.**

"Find the Gates Competition"

Pat Ogilvie was the lucky winner of our recent competition. Pat was delighted to receive the £50 prize voucher and said "*she was going to buy a new winter coat with her winnings*". We would like to say **a huge thank you** to **Jan Van De Merwe** for taking the photographs and to **Roberta Gault** for coming up with such a fun and active fundraising idea!

Friday Community Cafe Update

Take Away Menu Available

Orders can be placed in advance!

Open 12pm – 2pm

Serving healthy food at affordable prices!

Learn to Knit

Do you enjoy a Knit & Natter with friends?

Join our knitting classes today.

Open every Wednesday between 2pm - 4pm.

Do you like to read?
Join our reading group now!

BOOK CLUB

3 places available!

LOTTERY FUNDED | children's appeal | GO FOR IT | THE ROBERTSON TRUST | Voluntary Action Fund | Clackmannanshire Council

Project Updates

2017 Fast Facts

- 23 tonnes of food were donated to our Foodbank
- 3865 people were helped with food parcels
- 1361 of these were children
- 78164 meals were provided through our food parcels
- 1,520 customers attended our Soup Pot
- 48 people attended our Soup Pot's Christmas lunch
- 21 people received a Home Starter Pack (serving 22 adults & 18 children)
- Around 20 people attended FVRC's Recovery Café every week
- Around 1250 people enjoyed lunch at our Friday Cafe
- 318 children were provided with school uniforms and equipment via our 2017 School Uniform Bank

Bread Making Workshops Funding Secured until Summer 2018

We were delighted to receive funding to operate bread making courses on a more permanent basis. The workshops will be delivered in partnership with CTSI, Riverside Bakery and the Forth Valley Recovery Community. The purpose of the workshops is to help people in recovery learn new skills whilst socialising with others.

Visit our new improved website www.the-gate-charity.org

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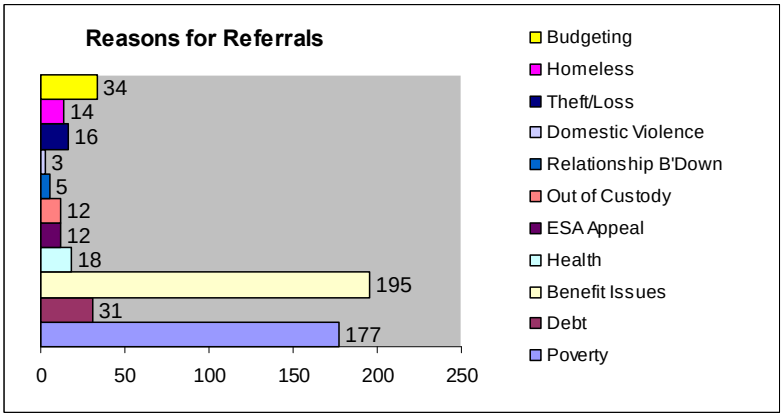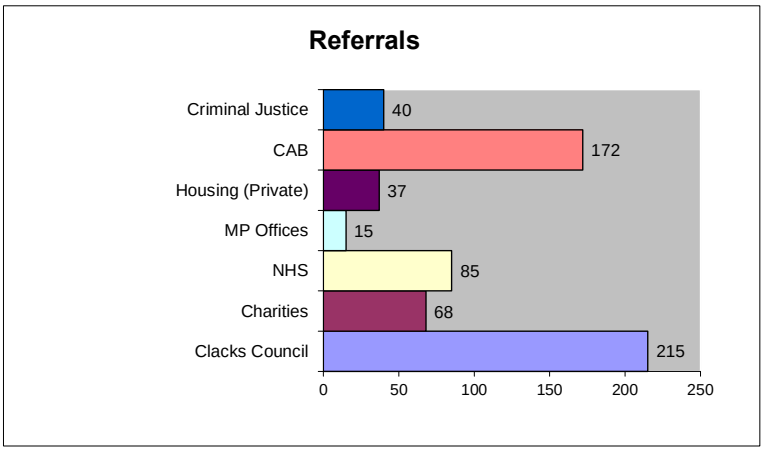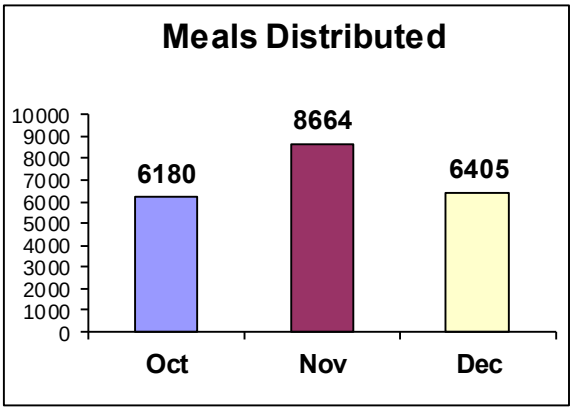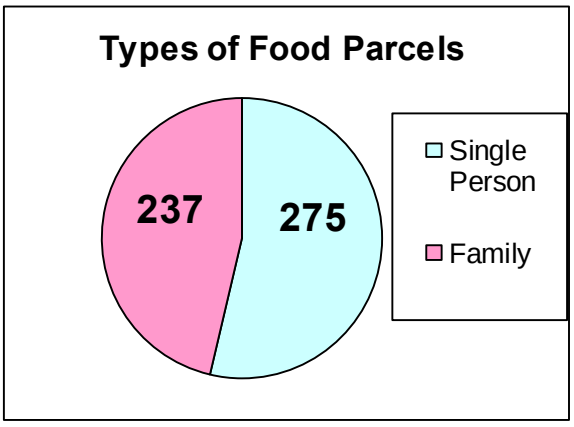
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