

## **Who we are**

We are a group of 60 volunteers, many from churches of different denominations across Merton, who want to show care and concern for our neighbours in Jesus' name. We are supported by more churches, schools, and many individuals in the Borough

## **What we do**

- Our Befrienders give time to listen when people are feeling lonely and isolated
- Through our Family Support scheme we help with regular and emergency food deliveries
- Our Furniture Project delivers recycled furniture and other household items
- Our Baby and Children's Project provides clothes for children and items for newborn babies
- Through our Children's Activities we address our concerns that youngsters should not miss out on things that their friends enjoy like birthday gifts, parties and outings

### **HOW TO CONTACT US**

*Call in at...*

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in the London  
Borough of Merton



**JOIN THE  
FURNITURE  
PROJECT TEAM**

## FURNITURE PROJECT

Our Project offers furniture, free of charge, to families in furniture insecurity, unable to replace a broken item, or in furniture poverty, lacking an essential item, or in furniture destitution living in a totally empty property. We are very busy and need to build up our teams of drivers and helpers who go out collecting donated furniture and making the deliveries to families who are referred to us by social workers, hospital case workers, etc. We have a Ford Transit van and we rent 2 storage garages. The Project is managed from the Christian CARE Office where the Coordinator works with the Administrator to plan the van schedules.



***"Just to thank you for blessing this family today with some great furniture to get them on their feet and for coming back with yet more kitchen equipment. They were quite emotional. The thought and attention you and the organisation gave was wonderful. What a lovely example of Christian love!"***

## ABOUT YOU

### *Are you...*

- good with people and able to deal with fellow volunteers, clients and donors with patience and sensitivity on the phone and face to face
- reliable and a good time keeper
- able to act on your own initiative, assess situations and take decisions
- fit, healthy and able to lift heavy items
- able to offer basic DIY skills  
*[not essential]*
- a careful driver with an appropriate driving licence *[driver only]*
- able to offer a time slot of 3-4 hours once a week / fortnight
- aware of the importance of issues of safeguarding and confidentiality?
- in sympathy with the ethos and aims of the charity?

## ABOUT US

### *Our commitment to you is ...*

- to train and support you through our Furniture Project Coordinator
- to provide all the requisite equipment and documentation for your safety
- to arrange your DBS check  
*[if required]*
- to invite you to social events with other volunteers
- to pay your expenses

## OUR BEAUTIFUL FLAT

Two years ago, I joined the Christian CARE Furniture Project as a Driver/Helper. It would be fair to say it's been an emotional roller coaster. We provide hard and soft furniture along with utensils and white goods to those most in need. The condition of many of the properties in which these people are housed beggars belief; they should have been demolished years ago. Many try to improve their homes but are hampered by a lack of skills rather than energy. Over this period, I have often reflected on why in a modern society we have such poverty and what has caused it to worsen during my time in London. On a more joyful note, we recently delivered furniture to a mother and her three children in their new home. They had previously been evicted and had spent the following 6 months being shunted around the Home Counties by various authorities never spending more than a couple of months in the same place. On arrival back at base we discovered a box of utensils had not been delivered to her. That afternoon we returned with the box and were invited in. The flat had been transformed. Mother proudly showed us around and in one of the bedrooms the three little girls were sitting smiling on their newly made-up beds. 'Thank you for our beautiful flat,' they said. I can tell you it was enough to bring a tear to this old builder's eye. So I would like to say: 'Thank you Christian CARE for providing me with this experience.'

Declan Pritchard