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strengthening families since 1894

In our first newsletter of 2022 I want to focus on hope, especially during these times of crisis around the world, and because this edition comes to you close to International Women's Day which was spurred on by an uprising organised by a Ukraine-born suffragist, Clara Lemlich.

Closer to home I am pleased to honour some of the inspiring women behind the work of Welcare, including [Edith Davidson](#) our co-founder with her husband The Rt Reverend Randall Davidson, and to pay tribute to former Director [Denise Mumford](#) for her vision for the charity and personal warmth. I feel sure that Denise would have been pleased to read about a recent example of our work with 'Mary' – a young mother and asylum seeker who we supported to become a confident member of her community.



I am writing this letter having enjoyed a wonderfully simple meal and the warm fellowship of our first [Welcare Lent lunch](#) of the year. Christians who observe the season of Lent use it as a time for prayer and penance, many others take part in Lenten Positive Acts Challenge or Treat Swap. Please carry on reading for more information about our Spring Forward for Families Appeal or a reminder of the ways, we can help your fundraising. Please forward this newsletter to your friends and family or members of your congregations and remember our latest news is shared regularly on social media, please click on the icons below if you would like to follow us and receive regular updates.

Finally, we are looking for two new trustees, especially somebody with a social work background – trustees are vital to the success of the charity and it is a very rewarding, although unremunerated role. For more information see our [Vacancies](#) page

On behalf of all the children and families, thank you for your continued support of our work.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Khan'.

Anna Khan, Welcare CEO

Spring Forward for Families

Spring into action during Lent to help disadvantaged local families improve their circumstances.

welcare.org/lentappeal



OUR LATEST NEWS



[Welcare's Inspiring Women: Tribute to Denise Mumford, former Director](#)

Anna Khan pays tribute to Denise Mumford, who sadly passed away this January. Denise played a significant role in shaping Welcare, and was responsible for the 1994 Centenary Appeal which enabled supporters to purchase properties to from which to deliver work, including our Redhill Centre.

[Read more](#)



[Families we've helped: Mary's story](#)

Mary, an asylum seeker, was referred to Welcare as she was isolated with a young child and had limited funds. Welcare helped practically, linking her into the services she needed, but also gave her the support and confidence she needed to become part of the local community.

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[Lent Lunch](#)

Whilst celebrating the contribution and achievements of women we would like to pay tribute to Margaret Squire who organised our first Lent Lunch of 2022 at St Mary with St Alban Church in Teddington. Margaret leads by example and has raised thousands of pounds for the work of Welcare. She brings passion and commitment to our work with children and families and also an enormous sense of fun.

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EVENTS

Thursday 10 March 2022

[Theatre Preview: Taken at Midnight](#)

Bromley Little Theatre

7.45pm

Tickets £12, available [here](#)

Friday 17 June 2022

East Surrey Service of Thanksgiving
Church of St John the Evangelist, Redhill
11am

Friday 16 September 2022

Rock Choir

Bromley

Email fundraising@welcare.org

to register your interest

November 2022

Bromley Service of Thanksgiving
Further details tbc

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