

# MCK Mary's Child Kent Newsletter January 2024.

MCK – Mary's Child Kent is a newly established charity which was formerly the Kent based operations of Mary's Child. We love, support and care for families and individuals in need in our local community.

## What do we do?

### Food Bank



### Legal Support

### Digital Hub



**Do you need help  
and advice  
with legal matters?**

Book an appointment to see our legal advisor at The Community Café at St Mary Greenhithe.

He can offer advice about housing, immigration and welfare benefits.

To book an appointment email [jeremy@mckcharity.co.uk](mailto:jeremy@mckcharity.co.uk) or [office@mckcharity.co.uk](mailto:office@mckcharity.co.uk) or call 07776 273838

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### IT Appeal

**MARY'S CHILD KENT IT APPEAL**

Can you help?  
Do you have unwanted IT devices that can be put to good use in our local community?

**Contact:**  
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- Do you not have access to the internet at home?
- Do you need help to complete online forms?
- We are here to help with free internet access and computers to assist you.

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# Food and Fun

 **Family 'Food and Fun' event**  
**11am – 1pm.** 

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024**– Manor School Swanscombe  
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024** – Stone St Mary's School  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024** – Knockhall School

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.  Please state names of children/ adults and any allergies.

Please sign up for this free event so we can ensure everyone is catered for.  
To book email : [jude@mckcharity.co.uk](mailto:jude@mckcharity.co.uk)  
or call 07512 460221.



The event at Manor is almost fully booked but there are still some spaces available at Stone St Mary's and Knockhall. Please see the flyer for booking details.

## News

In September 2023 Jude our Projects and Fundraising co-ordinator began a 13-month Level 3 Apprenticeship in fundraising through the University of Kent. This is an investment which will in the long run give the charity a qualified fundraiser to assist with the sustainability of the charity, applying for future grant and funds, building networks and running events.

At Christmas MCK were able to distribute 144 food hampers to local schools for them to give out to families in need of some extra support during the festive season. This was made possible because of a grant from Dartford Borough Council. We were also able to support our local clients with extra Christmas goodies.

MCK held their first ever Christmas tree festival over Advent weekend. Local groups and organisations took part by decorating trees, Knockhall school choir sang festive songs on the Friday afternoon and Rob Amon led us in some carols and songs on the Sunday. It was a lovely festive weekend with a total of £630 being raised towards the ongoing work of the charity. The trees were paid for by a grant from the Ebbsfleet Garden City Trust Community fund.

MCK is generously supported by individuals who give financially as well as local organisations, businesses and grant trusts. We are very grateful for everyone's support. We were fortunate to recently receive just over £8,000 from Beaverbrooks the Jewellers at Bluewater, a £5000 grant from the Colyer Ferguson Charitable trust and a grant of nearly £20000 from the National Lottery Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund which will support our Food Bank and Legal work amongst others.

### How can you support us?

- Become a volunteer by helping us at special events, food and fun etc...
- Be a volunteer driver for collections and deliveries.
- Donate items to our food bank .
- You can support us financially in a variety of different ways. Cash, cheque, standing order or by scanning the QR code below.

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