

Mustard Seed 2020

THE WAY FORWARD - SHOWING LOVE IN ACTION FOR 27 YEARS



LOVE
IN A BOX
JOURNEY 2019

LISA SMART
DIRECTOR OF MUSTARD SEED

Once again, another year for the charity has passed.

The *Love in a Box* campaign has finished and all the wonderful boxes of presents have been delivered to the children in need. Again, we sent approximately 30,000 boxes and after all the hard work the reward is to see the smiles on the faces of these children who, thanks to all our wonderful supporters, make such a kind and generous gift to give hope to children who have so little.

As head of the trustees I am personally so proud that our charity can make such a difference to these under privileged children. Over all the years the charity has been running we have distributed over one million boxes to children in need. None of our work would be possible without such dedicated supporters who continually support us every year. You all deserve a big thank you from us. We cannot change these children's lives but what we do is to give them belief in human kindness and that people do show love and care for them.

As for 2020, we intend to keep trying to make a difference, and we will, thanks to you, our supporters.

God Bless you all.

Lisa Smart Director.





HOW IT WORKS

For me, as the manager, *Love in a Box* starts around June of each year. This is when all the letters are sent out asking all our supporters if they are willing to participate for the coming year and if so, how many leaflets they require.

I always ask if I can have the replies back by the end of July, (it never happens) as I can then start planning the collection dates. We have a short time to collect the boxes as we have to squeeze it in between the four weeks of November to ensure the boxes can be delivered in time.

At the beginning of September, the leaflets are sent out and they include the collection date. By the end of the month I think it's just

about sorted. The next month is all about the warehouse preparation, drumming up the usual band of loyal volunteers, hiring the vans, etc.

Come November the three vans are out collecting every day. We reach as far as the midlands and most of the southern part of the country. Every day at the warehouse we have a constant stream of boxes to check and re-pack onto the pallets for the lorry. It does resemble Santa's Grotto!

AT LAST! A final check to make sure we didn't miss any collections the final lorry has gone on its way, and relax, for a few weeks anyway.

Michael



FUNDRAISING 2020

CAN YOU HELP!

Last year, in 2019, we were overwhelmed by all the kind support which Mustard Seed received.

★ RAFFLES ★

★ FUN DAYS ★

★ MUFTI DAYS ★

★ SILENT DAYS ★

★ SPONSORED EVENTS ★

★ WEAR FUNNY SOCKS DAY ★

★ ANYTHING YOU CAN THINK OF ★

We would be so grateful if we could be considered for any of the above. We need to raise £4,000 per lorry to send humanitarian aid out to the orphanages so anything you can do to help would be greatly appreciated. If anyone can help please contact Mike in the office and he will be only too happy to help you and give you all the support you need.

*Once again thanks from us all at
Mustard Seed for all your kind support!*

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