

The Children's Society **(A Voluntary Society of the Church of England)**

- We reach out for a better future for children and young people across the country
- We actively campaign for change where injustice exists
- We provide opportunities for these children to have the chance of a better life

What do we do? .

- You'll find us on the streets with homeless children and runaways – over 100,000 children run away each year one quarter of them are under 11 years old.
- You'll find us in schools working with children at risk of being excluded, helping them to change their behaviour and resolve problems at home and school. Two million school days are lost every year due to exclusion.
- You'll find us in prisons working with teenagers being held on remand, two thirds of whom will never receive a custodial sentence once their case comes to court. The Children's Society offers counselling, training and role modelling to teenagers facing a downward spiral into crime.
- You'll find us in the poorest communities, providing youth clubs and facilities. Did you know that there is only one playground provided for every five hundred children, and that one in three children live in poverty?

In addition to the national programmes outlined above The Children's Society has family centres on inner city estates, drop in advice centres for young people, self-build and renovation projects for homeless and jobless young people. We support families with children with learning difficulties, teenagers leaving care and families in crisis.

How do we raise funds?

The Children's Society are currently running over one hundred projects throughout England and Wales, reaching out for a better future for children and young people in desperate need of a decent chance in life. Over one million pounds is raised through house boxes, emptied annually by a representative of The Children's Society.

The Children's Society Prayer

Heavenly Father we pray for all who support or work for The Children's Society in any way; keep us close to the love and mission of your Son and to his special regard for children; give us eyes to see the plight of others, give us hearts to respond to the needs of others, give us hands to act in the service of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

Would you like to support the work of The Children's Society by taking a house box?

Please contact your local representative:

Shipton under Wychwood: Margaret Hartley – 01993 830306

Milton under Wychwood: Mrs. Haine – 01993 830078

If you would like to know more about the work of The Children's Society please contact Community Fund-raising Manager Beth Read on 01793 611250