

## **SCORE update September 2023**

At the September SCORE committee meeting grants were made to the following applicants.

### **The Hope Exchange, Cape Town, S Africa**

The Hope Exchange works with homeless people in Cape Town where there are 19,000 homeless people. It runs 2 social enterprises which provide vocational training leading to job opportunities. A pilot scheme for a barista training programme has proved successful and resulted in employment for those participating in the scheme. As a result The Hope Exchange plans to create a small coffee bar for training purposes on its own premises. A great opportunity to lift individuals out of poverty and into independence and employment.

#### **A SCORE grant of £4,500 was approved**

An immediate response was received from Marie Slundt: 'On behalf of The Hope Exchange, I thank all your Catholic Church members for seeing our organisation worthy of support (again). This donation will make a huge difference in moving our ambition for a coffee bar forward'.

### **St Joseph's Catholic School**

In order to support and enhance literacy at St. Joseph's school, funds are required to re-stock the school library. The library is seen to have an essential role in raising literacy levels and encouraging reading for pleasure.

#### **A SCORE grant of £1,500 was approved.**

### **Alabaré Christian Care and Support**

'Somewhere to go' (STG) is a drop in support and advice centre based within Alabaré Place serving local and transient rough sleepers. STG provides hot showers, laundry facilities, hot food/drinks, sleeping bags, towels, toiletries, clothing, emergency camp bed accommodation, but most of all, it provides a listening ear. It works with the Rough Sleeper Team to help end homelessness. The project supports 12 to 15 people a day and the annual cost is over £82,000.

#### **A SCORE grant of £3,120 was approved.**

### **Ukraine Fund**

Parishioners have raised money for people from Ukraine and this fund has been under the care of SCORE. The amount of £776 will be passed to Salisbury Community Hub for Ukraine which is based in the Methodist Church.

**Thank you for your contributions to SCORE.**

The grants made through your generosity make a difference to the lives of individuals and families locally and across the world.