

# Get Festive With Providence Row

Building a community of support for people experiencing homelessness in London.





# Safe Space Appeal





### **Our Winter Fundraising** Campaign - Safe Space

As winter approaches, the challenges faced by those experiencing homelessness become even more acute. The harsh weather conditions amplify the struggles of finding warmth, safety, and human necessities.

At Providence Row, we are dedicated to ensuring that no one in our community is left out in the cold. We are launching our 'Safe Space' Winter Campaign. a crucial initiative aimed at raising both funds and awareness to support individuals experiencing or facing homelessness. This campaign will provide essential resources such as nutritious meals, a safe space to be, and access to showers as well as a pathway to our programmes that offer long-term solutions.

We are reaching out to our valued corporate partners to join us in this vital effort. By participating in our campaign, your company can make a profound difference in the lives of those who are most vulnerable this winter. Your involvement will not only help us provide immediate relief but also reinforce your commitment to social responsibility and community well-being.

Maria O'Donoghue Michael Blakesley Head of

**Partnerships** 

Corporate Partnerships Manager

**Daisy Bell** Senior Corporate Fundraising Officer

# Jessie's Story

Growing up in an abusive family, Jessie fled for better life at 19, but found herself alone on the streets of London, rough

"I'm not really sure what I thought would happen when I arrived in London, I was just so desperate to get away from home. I won't ever forget that first

Weeks turned into months, Jessie started drinking to numb the pain, soon becoming dependant on alcohol just to be able to get through the days.

"I really had given up on myself, I couldn't see a way out. Then I met Jackie, an outreach worker for Providence Row. She invited me to the Dellow Centre for a shower and a warm meal, and it just went upwards from there. "If it wasn't for Jackie, I would still be sleeping rough, still be begging to survive.

This Christmas, I am looking forward to waking up in the warm with food in my belly, but more importantly I can't wait to spend this Christmas not

Jessie's name and image have been changed to protect her identity



## Support our clients by attending an event!



**Providence Row Cinema Screening: Tokyo Godfathers** 



A film that poignantly reflect the themes of homelessness, hope & the search for belonging.

Date: December 5th, 2024 Time: 1pm-3pm Matinee Location: RichMix Cinema, Bethnal Green, El

Click or Scan to buy tickets or here to sponsor the event.



**Participate in the London CEO Sleepout:** Winter Waits for No One!



- Raise funds and awareness for a good cause
- Contribute to a national impact
- Have a unique experience

The CEO sleepout at Lord's Cricket Ground is more than just a fundraiser; it is a powerful statement of compassion and commitment to the vulnerable members of our community.

Date: November 25th, 2024

**Time:** 7pm-6:30am

**Location:** Lord's Cricket Ground

Click or Scan to sign up with the fundraising team





### **Business Junction Best Super Big Charity Quiz Ever**





### Join us for...

- Complimentary drinks on arrival & pizza
- A fun team bonding experience
- Raffle & Auction in support of our service

Date: November 12th, 2024 **Time:** 5:30pm-9:30pm **Location:** The Dickens Inn

Scan to buy tickets









# CHRISTMAS Caral Dervice

Join us after the service for a mulled wine and mince pie reception.

Entrance is free but please consider making a donation to support our work.

You can book your tickets online at providencerow.org.uk/carolservice24 or by scanning the QR code.



Sponsored by:

10TH DECEMBER 2024 AT 7PM

ST. MARY MOORFIELDS
4-5 ELDON STREET, LONDON
EC2M 7LS







# 12 Ways of Giving



Here are a few Holiday fundraising ideas to get you started, suitable for all ages and groups. Simply choose your idea below to generate funds to support our life-saving services this winter! Contact dbell@providencerow.org.uk for fundraising support!

### Wear Christmas **Jumpers**

See who has the most festive jumper by **hosting a Christmas Jumper Competition!** Charge an entry fee & vote on which jumper you think would be Santa-approved!

### Participate in our Christmas Quiz!

Get your team together to attend our Christmas Quiz on November 12th at the Dickens Inn. For more information, go to Page 3.

### The Big Give

**Providence Row will be participating** in The Big Give, which can double vour donation between December 3rd to 10th. If you plan a fundraiser prior to December 3rd, save your donation & donate through The Big Give.

### Commit to a New **Year's Resolution**

In 2025, homelessness will still exist, and our clients will still need your support. Commit to making us your New Year's Resolution by joining a challenge, planning a fundraising, l setting up a weekly/monthly donation, or choosing us as your Charity of the Year 2025.

# CEO Sleepout London

**Providence Row will be taking part** in the London CEO Sleepout on **November 25th at Lords Cricket Ground.** We're inviting all CEO's & Senior Leadership teams to unite to fight homelessness. All you need is a big heart; a sleeping bag & a desire to raise or donate £1,500. For more information go to Page 3

### Enjoy a Holiday Flick

Organise a team outing on December 5 between 1 - 3pm and join us to watch 'Tokyo Godfathers', an anime film about 3 homeless men who discover a newborn baby on Christmas Eve and set out to find their parents. For more information go to

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### **Giving Tuesday**

Plan a fundraiser for 'Giving Tuesday' (December 3rd) to highlight the importance of giving back to the community around you. For tips on fundraising, flip to Page 8.

# Organise a Collection

Plan a donation drive to collect items including food, hygiene products and warm clothing (glove/hats), and undergarments to support our clients this winter.

**Email** dbell@providencerow.org.uk for a list of appropriate items

### Join a Challenge

Challenge yourself this winter by committing to an event like the Santa Run or Tough Mudder in support of Providence Row! There's nothing like the feeling of crossing the finish line knowing you've had such a great impact.

### Replace a Gift

Got a relative or friend that's hard to buy for? Instead of purchasing a gift they may not use, donate in their name. Why not donate £25 to provide someone with breakfast & lunch every day for a week? Let us know and we can provide you with an official certificate!



### Swap a Lunch

Set up a weekly contribution to donate the cost of 1 meal (£4.50) to support the Food Programme and provide hot meals for people experiencing homelessness in our community. Donate through our 'One Meal Deal' fundraising page, or we can set up a page for your company! For tips on fundraising, flip to Page 8.

### Dedicate your **Party Funds**

If you have any unspent funds from your annual Christmas Party, donate in your company's name to Providence Row. Alternatively, leave a collection pot at the entrance of your Christmas Do with a Providence Row poster, ( encouraging your team to leave donations.





# Reverse Advent Calendar





### What is a 'Reverse Advent Calendar'?

The traditional Advent calendar is a beloved holiday tradition, but what if we could put a charitable twist on it? Introducing Providence Row's Reverse Advent Calendar - a unique way for companies like yours to make a real difference for Providence Row, a long-standing homelessness charity in the City, East London and neighbouring boroughs.



### Here's how it works:

Instead of opening a door to reveal a treat, your company will make a daily donation to Providence Row. It starts small on Day 1 (just £1), but grows incrementally, reaching £25 by Christmas Eve. By the end, your cumulative £325 donation can have a significant impact on the lives of those in need.





### So what are you waiting for?

Sign up to be part of the Reverse Advent Calendar and become a beacon of hope this holiday season. Contact us today to secure your spot and start making a lasting difference for London's most vulnerable this Christmas.

Contact mblakesley@providencerow.org,uk for more information and fundraising support.



# Come and Volunteer with Us!



Join us as we sing Christmas Carols with local school children and raise money for Providence Row this December! If you'd like to be involved, please contact getinvolved@providencerow.org.uk





Tuesday, December 3rd
Wednesday, December 4th
Thursday, December 5th

From 1-2pm every day



# Be Part of the Solution





£500 could provide 2 hot meals per day to 20 people for a week

> £1,000 could support our Routes to Roots clients travel to accommodation, hospital and appointments over winter

£12,000 could support 4 quarterly Health & Wellbeing Fair's hosted at Providence Row, including Flu and Covid vaccines for winter

£100,000 could support our Employability and Progression programme provide clients with real-world skills, and a plethora of training opportunities

**£45,000** could support 15 people to a safe bed and place to stay during the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP)



# Top Fundraising Tips





### **Fundraising Online**

We recommend you use our new fundraising platform 'Enthuse'. If you'd like to set up a fundraising page this winter, please email mblakesley@providen cerow.org.uk



### Set an ambitious target

Setting a target encourages your supporters to donate generously. Pages with a target raise 46% more than those without! Aim high and tell the world. Plus, there's no denying how satisfying it is when you see it tip that 100% mark.



### **Tell your story**

Let your supporters know why you're fundraising and what it means to you. If you're challenging yourself with an event, let people know how much effort you're putting in. Add photos and updates to your social media and fundraising page!



### Don't be afraid to share

Sharing on all social media platforms helps to raise awareness for Providence Row. Don't be afraid, people want to hear about the good things you are doing. Make it more personal by emailing friends and family. Include our hashtaq #safespace and tag us @providencerow



### **Encourage** others to get involved

Get friends and colleagues to take part and raise money with you, you could even create a healthy competition!



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