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The Big Give, Gifts, Hampers and Advocacy

We're so grateful for your generosity once again, you really do blow us away with your kindness and your joy at being able to help! More details below.

In November we were able to step into a mentoring and advocacy role with a woman in Oxfordshire, it's been a great privilege and a learning experience.

The Big Give

In November we launched our first matched funding campaign through The Big Give. We received pledges totalling £2,200 from funders, which provided the matched funding to external donors and we are delighted to say that you gave beyond that figure! We are now registered to claim Gift Aid and so the total will come in at around £5,000! These funds have been specifically earmarked for our next Befriender Programme, which we hope to launch later this year.

Gifts for Children

We were delighted by your response to this initiative, providing 35 specially chosen gifts for children of survivors, being cared for by charity Unseen in Bristol. Gifts were beautifully wrapped and sent with a card.



Food Hampers

With the cost of living crisis, we felt the best help we could offer this year was food hampers and again you came up trumps. One of our volunteers completely filled up her van with 35 hampers you created, to take them down to Bristol where they were gratefully received by caseworkers at Unseen.

Supporting Survivors

Before Christmas we were invited to support a lady directly who was in desperate need of advocacy, friendship and financial aid. Through the dedicated work of our voluntary staff and your generosity we have been able to come alongside her, providing the support she needed and we have been highly commended for our work with her.

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Vacancies for volunteers:

- Secretary to the Board
- Social Media Lead
- Fundraiser

If you can't give time but would like to support our work with a regular/one off donation, please email us for bank details or find them on our website.

We are delighted to welcome to the Board of Trustees David Calfo and Ruth Tilt!



David has over 25 years experience in Financial Services in the US and Europe. Currently, he is a private equity investor and non-executive director to several start-ups and early-stage companies, using his skills as a strategic leader taking initiative on business ideas and suggestions from his extensive background within the financial services industry.

David has also worked with a number of charities over the years and more recently has become increasingly aware of the issues and challenges of modern-day slavery. Initially through Unseen, then leading the effort to recruit and appoint a UK Executive Director for Hagar and more recently participating in the Befriender pilot program with ASIOX, these have all served to both inform and heighten the acute need that exists. The experience of befriending a survivor of modern-day slavery was particularly insightful as it provided a glimpse into the lives of those personally impacted by these atrocities.

Ruth's journey in becoming aware of modern slavery started with studying a degree in police studies, involvement in student/youth engagement, as well as during some international travel. Ruth worked for several years within the international development sector. Having spent 13 years working in the social enterprise and charity sectors, she is keen to learn more in order to support the organisation with her experience.

