



LIFT'S JOURNEY THROUGH COVID19 – March – August 2020.

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MARCH 19th 2020 Muirhouse Millennium Centre & LIFT closed the door to the public because COVID19 was at its peak and The Prime Minister and First Minister of Scotland locked down the country. LIFT had two choices, take Furlough or help our families who we knew were already struggling over the last few weeks, people had already started bulk buying baby formula, toilet rolls, bread and essential groceries but for our families this was not an option. Most were on universal credits or monthly pay so the panic had already set in. We were receiving calls from our clients regarding how they would get to the shops, how they would feed their kids as the schools had closed.

NO ONE HAD EVER EXPERIENCED A PANDAMIC, AND TO BE HONEST NO ONE KNEW HOW OR WHAT WE SHOULD BE DOING....THIS WAS GOING TO BE THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE WE WOULD EVER FACE....



Staff & Volunteers spent 19 weeks preparing and delivering 3054 Food parcels to families in North Edinburgh who were struggling with food poverty.

Volunteers helped us to deliver over 18,000 packed lunches which were donated to us by Social Bite & Spartans. 836 Packed lunches and 228 food parcels were also made up and delivered weekly to our families who had been placed in temporary accommodation out with North Edinburgh. These families were not entitled to packed lunches from local schools as their children still attend schools in the North Edinburgh. Some travelling over 2 hours to school every morning.



TOTAL DELIVERED OVER 19 WEEKS – 18,836 Packed Lunches, 3,282 Food parcels filled with essential groceries and toiletries.

TIMES WHERE HARD, TIRING, LONG HOURS, TEARS, TANTRUMS, FRUSTRATION, FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN BUT EVERY DAY WE FOUND SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT AND LAUGH!



Monday Morning Dancing in the street, Danielle taking in a delivery. Julie, Gemma, Danielle, and Kirsty delivering food to families in the community.

Family Situations: We had 367 referrals in 19 weeks.

WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE IT THROUGH
THIS HARD TIME WITHOUT THE HELP FROM :



LIFT Staff - Huge thanks to Peter Airlie, Danielle Leadbetter, Heather Thorburn, Claire Baxter, Darcy Hughes, Rachael Gardner, Kirsty Day and Gemma Howell

Muirhouse Millennium Centre - Eileen Carr, John Mc, Johnny

All the Amazing Volunteers - Julie Rouse McLeod, Jade Wilson, Sonia McCraw, Danielle Quinn, Carolanne Baxter, Robyn Baxter, Maryanne Paice.

Drivers – Danielle Day, Lee Orr, Dale Suttie, Jayme & Gail Nisbet, Chris and Marc Milligan, Emma Squair, Scott Bowie, Calum, Steph from Dove travel, Bob and George from ECC and Jason, Scott, Dave and all the guys from Scottish Gas.

AND



Each and every person who donated, dropped food in and funded lift to make the 19 weeks possible.

