



FOCUS

Newsletter of BCM (Belfast Central Mission)

Welcome to BCM's IN FOCUS. We hope you find it interesting and, as always, your comments or suggestions are greatly appreciated.

A picture story of Christmas at BCM

2,125 Toy parcels
1,086 Food parcels

- Advice & support for people in need
- Residential care for older people
- Care in the community for young people and families
- Housing support services for young people and for older people
- Support services for care leavers
- Short breaks for older people
- Christmas support programme
- Support for children with autism and their families



We would like to extend our thanks to all who participated in the Christmas Programme, whether through the donation of toys, food, money or time.

Photos:- Centre—two volunteers in the midst of the toys in BCM HQ; from top — M&S Managers launch the Giving Tree; some of the food awaiting distribution; Nelson McCausland (MLA) with two of BCM's volunteers; part of the choir from DSD; .

Christmas Eve Street Collection

£8,669.52

was collected at our recent flag day. This was due entirely to our wonderful collectors who gave up their time to support us, those who counted the money and to the generosity of all those who donated. Our sincere thanks go to all those who helped in any way.

A special thanks to:-

Marks & Spencer, Belfast; Dunmurry Community Association; Dept. of Social Development staff teams in Belfast, Antrim, Larne, Ballymoney, Lisnagelvin, Cookstown, Ballymena, Londonderry, Omagh; RBAI, Belfast; Corran Integrated Primary School, Larne; AXA Insurance, Belfast; OFMDFM; DHSSPNI Belfast; Cool FM; Park Electrical; Virgin Media Business, Belfast and Capita, Belfast for supporting our Christmas programme.

Thanks also to The Sydney Black Charitable Trust, Ulster Bank Staff Charity Fund, Matthews Wrightson Trust and The Enkalon Foundation for their support.

St Patrick's Day Tea Dance

Tickets (£3.00 each) are now available for the St Patrick's Day Tea Dance which will be held in Grosvenor House on 30th March at 1.45 pm.



The Tea Dances, which began in January 2005, are held eight times a year and are becoming increasingly popular as news of them spreads by word of mouth. The Grosvenor Hall is filled with up to 100 older people joining in the old-time dances or just enjoying the company. The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly and the afternoon is rounded off with afternoon tea.



Volunteers are involved in this programme by preparing the food, serving afternoon tea and clearing the hall when the dance is over.

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city centre day nursery?
get your ducklings lined up
for the new year...

Opening June 2012



We are very excited that work has now begun on our new city centre-based Day Nursery. Puddleducks (due to open in June 2012) will be situated in BCM headquarters on Glengall Street, it will have 50 places for children aged 0-5 and have a unique 19m x 12m indoor play area. You can keep up to date with the building process and news on Puddleducks' opening by visiting www.puddleducksnursery.org To register for a place or to find out more contact Sharon on 028 90241917 or email info@puddleducksnursery.org

making a splash in city centre day care!



BCM is one of N Ireland's oldest charities. Founded in 1889 as part of the Methodist church's response to problems inherent in inner-city life, BCM is involved with all sectors of the community, irrespective of religious or political affiliation. Our aim is to support those most in need in our society and enable them to reach their full potential. We do this through our diverse social care projects, cross-community programme and our three congregations.

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