

# LLOYDS BANK FOUNDATION

for the Channel Islands



## Press Release

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### **Men's shelter charity to receive £23,430 grant from Foundation**

The Sanctuary Trust charity has received a significant £23,430 grant from the Lloyds Bank Foundation for the Channel Islands.

Sanctuary Trust is a local charity which provides accommodation, food, safety, and support to men who have reached a crisis in their lives and need help getting back on their feet and back into society. The charity works with a number of other organisations including Social Security, the Housing Department, and Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

The aim of the charity is to help men of any age who have reached a crisis point in their lives to make use of the accommodation the charity provides in St. Aubin and Beaumont. They also offer an 'Out Reach Service' which supports the men once they've left, and they provide a soup kitchen at All Saints Church in St. Helier where some of the men volunteer. Not only does Sanctuary Trust look to provide food and accommodation, they offer support, advice, fellowship, and above all, hope.

Over the past four years since the charity came into existence Sanctuary Trust has helped 165 men with accommodation, which includes the 25 men who have used and are using their facilities this year. They have so far provided outreach support to two of their residents and their weekly soup kitchen helps families and people of both sexes.

The grant from the Foundation will directly support funding of additional support workers at the two houses. With the help of additional staff the men will be provided with more support in key areas like money management and health issues in their re-integration back into society.

Chris Renouf, Chairman, Sanctuary Trust, commented:

"All the Trustees, staff, and residents of Sanctuary Trust are grateful for the extremely generous grant that the Foundation made to us. It will make a huge difference to us in both the short and long term as we'll see an appropriate number of staff in our houses to help support our residents in their recovery and integration process. The inclusion of an additional support worker at the Beaumont location would ensure that the residents are encouraged and prepared for life outside of Sanctuary Trust."

John Hutchins, Executive Director, Lloyds Bank Foundation in the Channel Islands, commented:

“There is a noticeable difference in the positive impact generated when organisations have an appropriate amount of staff and volunteers to help them accomplish their goals. It was apparent to us that the impact of additional staff at Sanctuary Trust was of the utmost importance to the men that the charity helps, and we are delighted to make a contribution.”

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