

Dear Supporter,

November 2021

Welcome to our winter newsletter, we hope you enjoy the read. To be taken to the online version, <u>click here</u>.

We often tell you how grateful we at Arc are for your support, and the difference your donations make to the services we're able to offer – and that remains the same, always! However, on this occasion, we thought you might like to hear it from a different perspective.

So, we asked our clients, those supported by Arc's services and struggling with homelessness, what they would say to someone that donated to Arc. *Someone like you.* Here's how they responded...

From the floods of thank yous...

"Thank you for your help"

"I would like to say a massive thank you"

"Thank you, you're helping out a lot"

"I would say thank you very much, it means the world to me"

"Giving money to a charity is pretty awesome"

...to the way you've changed lives...

"It has enabled Arc to provide safety and security. Without this, we would have no home."

"Because of you, my life is getting back on track."

"You have helped someone like me, who was really struggling to get back on my feet. Without your donations, I wouldn't of met these lovely people and sorted my life out!"

"You make me feel valued."

...to the more specific support that is never forgotten...

"Donations help support and fund a client in accessing what they like to do and what is beneficial for them, for example helping me to go swimming."

"Donations keep people warm and dry, and also looks after their dogs!" "It has enabled staff to purchase a bike for me. My family live miles away and I can visit them now!"

"Your donation has provided garden furniture and equipment, enabling us to grow vegetables and flowers, making our garden a lovely place to use."

... And the real truth of it all

"You're keeping people alive."

Read that again. *You're keeping people alive*. Do you know how? You're giving someone something to smile about at a time for them where it's easy to feel sad. You're showing someone that people care when the world feels against them. You're providing someone with hope when the journey ahead feels scary. You're giving someone a reason to keep on living, to keep on trying and with the right support, to change their lives for the better.

Thank you for being there for them. Thank you for being there for us.

We hope your kindness and contributions towards Arc can continue, as today we're asking for support with our 'Move In Fund', which you can read about in our newsletter. If you would like to donate towards this fund, or any of Arc's other services, please find a donation form enclosed or head to: <u>www.arcinspire.co.uk/donate</u>

On a final note - we entirely agree with the client that called you "pretty awesome"!

We'll now be busy working hard to create a safe and warm winter and a Happy Christmas for our clients. We hope you have a wonderful festive season and wish you all the best for 2022.

Yours sincerely,

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