

The Vine

child contact centre



Newsletter April 2022



10 Years

On 12th March the contact centre celebrated its 10th anniversary. This is a huge milestone from the vision originally set out by the Pastors at [Leeds Vineyard](#). 10 years on and The Vine is the only **FREE** supported contact centre covering West and North Yorkshire, Bradford and Bingley.

To date, we have reconnected **239** families which means that **657** children have been fortunate to spend time with their non-resident parent, grandparent and or extended family in a safe and secure environment.

Fundraising

As we celebrate 10 years there are many ways in which you can support the work we do. Check out our fundraising page on our [website](#) to see what is going on this year.

Do you love baking? Could you offer support of cake, cookies or buns for our coffee morning fundraiser on 18th June? - Please make [contact](#) or visit the [website](#) to sign up

We still have the option to '**Sponsor a family**' please make [contact](#) if you are interested or for other options of how you can donate.

Good News story

It has been wonderful to see a relationship develop between a parent and child, where the child had no recognition of her parent at the age of 5. From the child's Grandparent being present in each session to this reducing incrementally each session, to now the child walking in and leaving the session by herself shows how being consistent a bond can be made. Both parents are happy and trust has been built back up to them arranging contact to move forward and out of the centre.

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14 children spent time with their non-resident parent

9 families are currently using the centre for contact

4-6 weeks waiting time from first enquiry to first use

14 volunteers covering the contact sessions

2 new volunteers recruited

Volunteers Needed

We are currently looking to recruit volunteers. Please get in touch if interested.

Thank you

As always a big thank you is given to all our wonderful team of volunteers who are still supporting our families and keeping the centre running. Without each of them, the centre would not be running so effectively. Our new volunteers have settled in at the contact sessions and have now passed their 3-month probation.

New volunteers - We would like to give a big warm welcome to 2 new volunteers who joined the team in March 2022 - Matt and Abbie. Thank you for coming on board and supporting the centre and families.



Mothers Day & Easter At the Contact Centre

This quarter we have celebrated Mothers Day and Easter with the families at the contact Centre.

Giving children the opportunity to get creative with their parent. Creating potted flowers in a flowerpot that they

decorated. Homemade mothers day cards with bun cases and wooden buttons.

Chocolate Easter nests were made and went down well along with the Easter activity worksheets that were provided

Recommendation

Do you know anyone who has a keen interest in events and fundraising?

We are looking for someone to join the team who would be willing to volunteer to help with the organisation of our events.

Please get in touch if you know anyone or would like more information.

