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THANK YOU for helping to provide safety and support in unprecedented times

Dear Marian,

We are writing to extend our deepest thanks to the churches of the Richmond & Barnes Deanery Synod for your gift of £2,000 to Glass Door Homeless Charity. Thanks to the donation in respect of your 15 churches, many more people will have a route off the streets into a safer and more stable future.

Your kind contribution comes at a vital time, when services in London are strained, some to the point of closure. Your support means that the Glass Door caseworkers can continue providing people experiencing homelessness with the advice, advocacy and emotional support needed during this public health crisis.

Despite the many new challenges they face, Glass Door caseworkers remain focused on sourcing housing for individuals who have nowhere else to turn. In the past ten months alone, 202 individuals have been supported to find suitable accommodation through Glass Door. By raising funds for Glass Door, you have helped someone find a place to call home. Thank you.

Throughout the past winter, up to 170 people were welcomed into the emergency night shelters every evening for a hot meal and a safe place to sleep. Thankfully, many Glass Door guests are now able to practise social distancing in private hotel rooms. Your gift is vital to maintaining their support in unfamiliar surroundings and ensuring that the shelters can reopen when demand is expected to be higher than ever.

Saad, a Sudanese refugee who stayed in a Glass Door shelter this winter, told us recently, "At Glass Door, I felt like a human being again. At last I am living now at my shared accommodation and have my own room. What I have today, it was through God and Glass Door and I will always be grateful."

Thank you again to the Richmond and Barnes Deanery Synod for your gift to provide shelter and support for others like Saad and help move us forward, together, to a future where no one has to sleep on London's streets.

We hope you stay safe, calm, healthy and resilient in these uncertain times and thank you again for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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P.S. At present, instead of posting our thank you letters, we are sending them as a one-off email where we can. You are not currently due to receive the Glass Door e-newsletter or other general updates, but should you wish to discuss your contact preferences with us please get in touch.