

CHURCH WELFARE ASSOCIATION



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ANNUAL REPORT
for the year 2006



THE CHURCH WELFARE ASSOCIATION

Incorporated formerly as

THE CHURCH PENITENTIARY ASSOCIATION

founded 1851

Incorporated 1910 and

THE CHURCH MORAL AID ASSOCIATION

Registered Number under Charities Act 1900: 209992.

The Members of the Council present this Report with their compliments. They are most grateful to all who have supported the Association's work in 2006 and solicit your continued generous help.

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ABOUT THE CWA

The Church Welfare Association is a Church of England charity funding projects working with disadvantaged, vulnerable women and children.

Founded in the 19th Century to assist women involved in prostitution, or to help women and children in danger of such involvement, these aims have not diminished, but have widened to support residential and day care projects, holiday clubs, parenting courses for teenagers, etc, most of which function in deprived areas. Poverty disproportionately affects women and children, and most projects in this field of work function on very tight budgets. Grants are usually limited to 3,000, not large but this can make a real difference when targeted to a particular purpose.

Applications are welcomed from suitable projects, under the auspices of the Church of England. The CWA does not deal with applications on behalf of individuals.

Donations are warmly received, as we spend all available funds to 'help the helpers'. There are no paid staff, nor a central office, therefore administrative costs are very low.



Encouraging parenting

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Church Welfare Association (formerly known as the Church Moral Aid Association) is an established corporation administering moneys for the benefit of Social Work in connection with the Church

of England.

- a) It can act as custodian Trustee for relevant properties.
- b) It can make maintenance grants to residential projects undertaking the shelter, training or rehabilitation of women or girls, with or without infants, in need of care and moral support.
- c) It can support Day Care projects designed to assist and support women and children, particularly single parent families.

The Association can provide grants to retired persons who have worked in Church Social Work.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

Applications for grants are considered at each of our four meetings held during the year. Application forms can be obtained from the Secretary, 15 Marina Court, Alfred Street, Bow. LONDON E3 2BH.

PLEASE NOTE: It is important that forms are completed with all necessary information, with the correct signatory supporting the project. If forms have to be returned to the applicant for more information etc, there will be a three month delay in granting funds."

CHAIR'S REPORT

During the past year the Trustees have continued to meet regularly, albeit only three times given the relative low level of applications being received. This has given us some cause for concern and the Trustees have discussed the ways in which they could be more proactive in making the Trust known to potential beneficiaries.

We are in no doubt that there are countless projects working with those who are indicated in our Constitution as being eligible for our support, but it is identifying the networks which would put us in touch with them that is our priority. We particularly want to make contact with projects which work through the churches to address the issues around prostitution and amongst those suffering from HIV/AIDS.

We have appreciated being approached by several agencies who have been in touch with us for a long time and to note the way they continue to respond to current needs and issues. Visits to different projects are always in inspiration to the Trustees and it is always amazing how much difference even a comparatively small grant can make to an organization.

We continue to be grateful to the Parish of St. Pancras for the use of their room for our meeting. Many thanks too to Derek Boddington, Hon. Secretary, for processing the applications, and to Louis Lewis, Treasurer, for keeping a tight control of our finances. As always our Auditor, Edward Oliver, has served us well and we appreciate his annual visit to us. And finally, my thanks to all the Trustees for their ongoing commitment.

Gillian Reeve
Chair.

A SUMMARY OF PROJECTS ASSISTED DURING 2006

We live in a fast changing world, and that has been reflected in the requests received for financial support. We have continued to receive requests for continuing support to lone parent families, asylum seeking refugee women with children, pregnant teenagers, disadvantaged families and the running of parenting courses. The latter highlighted by the Accord Centre with the aim of improving family relationships. Their grant was to cover the cost of a facilitator to parenting skills courses, and a carer to run a crèche.

In addition the focus has been with new initiatives. One from the Armagh Child Contact Centre to provide a neutral meeting place where children of separated families can enjoy contact with one or both parents, grandparents and other family members in a safe environment.

A second project was recommended by the Archbishop of Canterbury who had presented an award to the person who had responded to violent and destructive patterns of behaviour among young people. This has been done by the setting up a programme of support for vulnerable girls from deprived estates by SASSY FM Project at the Youth Entertainment Studios.

We have however been challenged because the level of applications has declined. We only received nine applications in 2006 compared with 24 applications in 2005. In our fast changing world, need exists, and the officers will work to attract that need, so that they continue to administer money for the benefit of Social Work in connection with the Church.

Daphne Cook



Support for Mothers with young children

GRANTS MADE JANUARY - DECEMBER 2006

During the year the Association made grants to a total of £37,614-07 to the following organisations.

- 1 Hounslow Welcare 3500
Towards the costs of their programmes of aid to Lone Parent families and women asylum seekers.
- 2 Salisbury Diocese Mothers' Union 3000
Towards the costs of a holiday project for disadvantaged families.
- 3 Field Lane Foundation 3000
To assist with holidays for temporarily homeless families in supported accommodation in West London.

4	Southwark Diocesan Welcare (3 grants) <i>For 'post natal support', 'East Surrey Parenting Puzzle', and 'Southwark Young Parents Group'.</i>	12000
5	Whitechapel Family Centre <i>being the Annual Interest of the 'Poplar Trust', of which the Association is trustee.</i>	1858.07
6	Armagh Child Contact Centre <i>towards the salary of a Coordinator.</i>	5000
7	The Accord Centre, Kilburn <i>towards the costs of a facilitator for parenting skills courses.</i>	2000
8	Knowles Tooth Children's Centre, Chichester <i>Towards safety improvements to the play area.</i>	2256
9	SASSY FM Project at the Youth Entertainment Studios London <i>Towards the setting up of a programme of support for vulnerable girls from deprived estates.</i>	3000