

**Rebuilding Lives - Summer Edition 2019** 

# Nehemiah opens new Croydon house

On 13th June, Nehemiah officially opened its new Croydon house, providing a further six bedrooms for vulnerable men with a history of addiction. Opening this new house has been possible due to the support from our partner, The British Association of the Sovereign Order of Malta. The new house has already welcomed its first Residents and an on-site caretaker. Monsignor Roger Reader officiated at the opening, cutting the ribbon and blessing the house.



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'Our passion is seeing men's lives transformed. We have been providing this support for over 20 years in South London,' says Dr. Patience 'But thanks to the British Association of the Sovereign Order of Malta, we can start to offer this amazing work in Croydon and elsewhere in the UK.



### Family Support Programme launched

In February, Dawn Wilson, our new Family Support Worker joined us, helping Residents to reconnect with their families and provide outreach support to families in the community who have been impacted by addiction. We know that when Residents have the support from their families, recovery becomes much more sustainable.

Dawn's support is already making a difference, being able to advise and support Residents as they begin to take steps to communicate with family members.

In August Dawn will start to work with five families that have been referred by an outside agency with links to the police. By the end of the year, Dawn plans to be delivering drop-in support sessions across various London boroughs.

#### Please contact Dawn on 07421 358329 for more information.



#### How you can help

We can already see an increasing demand for family support and would welcome donations to fund more of Dawn's time for such important provision. Please donate on-line at www.tnp.org.uk or contact the fundraising office on 020 8773 7414 or email lois.momoh@tnp.org.uk

### **Residents Graduation**

#### YOU DID IT!

CONGRATS

graduates

KEEP MOVING FORWARD

'Thank you for accepting me for who I am. Nehemiah helped me through the darkest days and I'm truly grateful for all that they have done". Nehemiah Resident.

On 21st June, two Residents graduated from 'A New Future' Nehemiah's Supported Housing Programme. It was an emotional event, as the Residents gave their personal testimonies in front of their families and friends. One Resident told us that he only found out about Nehemiah when he picked up one of our leaflets that had been screwed up and discarded inside prison. With help From his support worker at The Clink, HMP Brixton, the Resident was able to apply for a place and move in to Nehemiah, which he said was a very emotional experience for him because he knew he had been given a chance to change his life around.

We should never underestimate how challenging it is for our Residents to change their lives and moving-on is often a daunting prospect, but one that is celebrated. Each Resident continues to receive support from their Nehemiah Support Worker and they are always welcome to keep in touch with staff way into the future. We wish these Residents success as they move on into training, employment and independence.

If you know someone who needs our support, please contact us on 020 8773 7417 or email referrals@tnp.org.uk Please visit tnp.org.uk/referrals for more information.

## Virgin London Marathon 2019

This years' Virgin London Marathon which took place on 28th April was supported by nine people running for Nehemiah who raised over £19,000. Some of the runners had strong personal reasons for running for Nehemiah and we are so grateful for their support.

We have four places for the Virgin 2020 London Marathon. Please get in touch with Lois Momoh lois.momoh@tnp.org.uk if you would like to run and raise support for Nehemiah.





Runner Steve Dixon, CEO Changes UK, Birmingham

Michelle Hanley, CEO of the Basement Project in Yorkshire



Bothers, Tom and Peter Stanbury

# A WEEK OF PRAYER

Prisons Week 13-19th October 2019 "What Does Freedom Mean to You"? & "Are You Free"? Psalm 111:9

Prisons Week is a dedicated week of prayer to enable the Christian community, through individuals and churches, to pray for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the criminal justice system and the many people who are involved in caring for those affected by crime on the inside and outside of our prisons.

The Nehemiah Project is a Sponsoring Organisation along with other Christian organisations working with prisoners, ex-offenders and their families. This years' Prisons Week lecture is on 17th October at Southwark Cathedral 6pm-8.30pm and will be given by Robert Buckland MP, Minister for Prisons and Reverend Rose Hudson Wilkin. Visit prisonsweek.org for more information and to book your free Prisons Week lecture tickets.

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