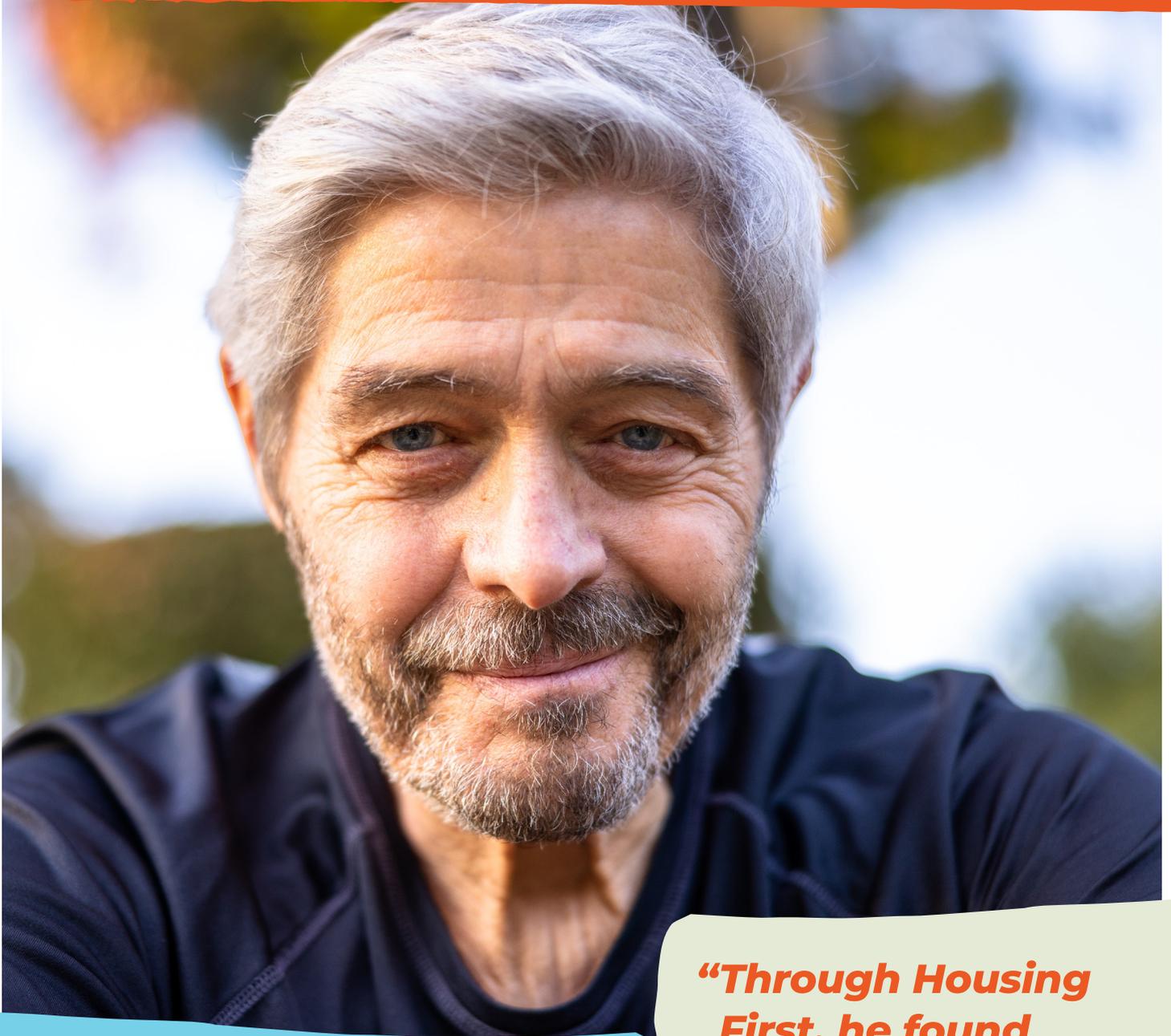


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DEPAUL DIARIES

Your kindness, determination, and generosity drives everything we do.



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How you change lives every day

Deirdre Canavan has seen a lot of change in her time with Depaul. But the values that brought her here remain unchanged.

I came to Depaul because of their values – treating people with respect and dignity, not judging them and sticking with them throughout their journey. And after 17 years I'm still here.

We work very hard to bring services to our clients they might not otherwise have access to – an art class, or a computer course – so they can see another side to life, build their confidence and start to feel hope again.

We had a lovely man in our Foyle Haven Day Centre in Derry. He'd worked hard all his life, but his family fell apart and alcohol addiction took over. He became so lonely, and his mental health suffered terribly.

But in Foyle Haven he could see that nobody judged him. He could get a hot meal and a change of clothes. He made new friends and even joined our day trips

to the beach. After years of homelessness, he just loved the simple pleasure of feeling sand beneath his feet.

To give something back, he offered to paint the walls in the wee garden, and he stunned everybody. It turned out he was an incredible artist and he transformed the place. He made it so beautiful.

“Your donations help remind our service users who they really are.”

He even began to address his addiction, and through Housing First he found his first home in eleven years. Housing First is vital to ending homelessness. Because without a secure place to call home, how can we expect someone to address complex problems successfully?

He lives so happily now, thanks to your support. **Your kindness is such a powerful thing. Thank you!**

Deirdre Canavan

Depaul Senior Services
Manager,
Northern Ireland



Getting involved can start a whole new journey.



Your kindness at work



Your incredible support helped end homelessness for over 1,000 people last year. That's more than **1,000 lives changed** forever.



You also helped provide **50,257 one-to-one sessions** with keyworkers, each one a vital step towards a new life.



And thanks to you, **1,366 families** were helped through Depaul's services.

THANK YOU!



THE WAY HOME

You're helping to put Housing First

Depaul's Housing First service has been running successfully in Northern Ireland for 12 years. Now, thanks to you, we're bringing it to the Republic of Ireland.

Housing First recognises that everybody deserves to have a home, and the best way to end homelessness is providing that home, then putting supports in place that will keep a person there.

"Without Housing First, I don't think I would have maintained this home that I've been in for almost two years now."

Depaul Housing First Service User

Think of a challenging life experience you or I might have – a cancer diagnosis, losing a loved one. Housing First understands that a person is far more likely to overcome their problems when they have a secure home.

And your support is helping people leave homelessness every day.

Thank you!

Niamh Thornton

*Depaul Senior Services Manager,
Republic of Ireland*



The people you help escape homelessness



Your kindness means so much to mothers like Fiona.

A sudden change of circumstances is all it can take for someone to find themselves in crisis. And that's what happened to Fiona.

With nowhere to live and a baby boy to support, Fiona only kept a roof over their heads by moving from place to place.

"It was a frightening and exhausting time," she said. "And every day felt like a battle. But everything changed when I was referred to Depaul."

"For the first time in a long time, I felt like I had proper support and encouragement."

"The staff didn't just give us a roof over our heads – they listened, they cared and they helped me to find the

strength to start rebuilding. There was such a sense of community there: breakfast clubs, day trips with the kids to the zoo, and for the first time in a long time, I felt safe and supported."

Thanks to your amazing care, Fiona is moving out of homelessness and into her own apartment.

"It's an incredible milestone. My little boy will finally have a place he can call home, and I feel I can look ahead with hope. It changes everything."

"It gives you back dignity, confidence and a sense of belonging".

"The support I received, has helped me create a better future for my son and myself. **Thank you!**"

FAMILY SUPPORTS

How you help families find hope

My name is Yvonne and I work with families in Rendu and Birch Haven who are trying to move out of homelessness and back into independent living.



A mother and daughter playing at Birch Haven.

You help make sure they get the support they need, following up on housing applications, developing life skills, and even just a shared a cup of tea. Because sometimes it's the simple acts of care that matter most.

Like at Christmas. Peter from our office does Santa, and Anita, our Children's Support Worker, dresses up as an elf. They know all the kids, what they like and what makes them laugh. And it's because of you that we can do movie nights, and hot chocolate nights, simple things that help the children feel at home.

"The power of your donations is really incredible!"

And seeing those families when they find their forever homes is so emotional.

I remember one woman who had been so fearful of homeless services. But when she came to us, she took on all the challenges and ended up getting a place of her own. I bumped into her afterwards in a shop, and she was so happy, telling me she was still in her place and thanking me for the help we gave her getting in off the street.

That's when you realise, we really are making a difference. You're changing people's lives every day.

Yvonne Keeley

Your kind gift

We depend on your kindness. If you would like to help a vulnerable person who is struggling to find their way out of homelessness, it's so easy to do. Just fill in the enclosed form or visit ie.depaulcharity.org/donate

THANK YOU!



Sundial House

YOUR COMMUNITY

A message to you from Chef Shay

Your support meant Chef Shay and all our amazing staff members could make Christmas special for so many people.



Christmas 2025 at Back Lane.

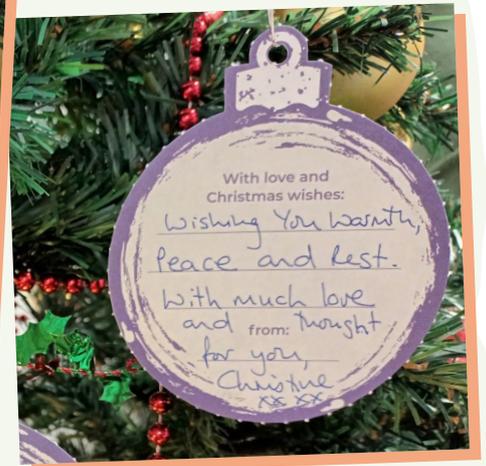
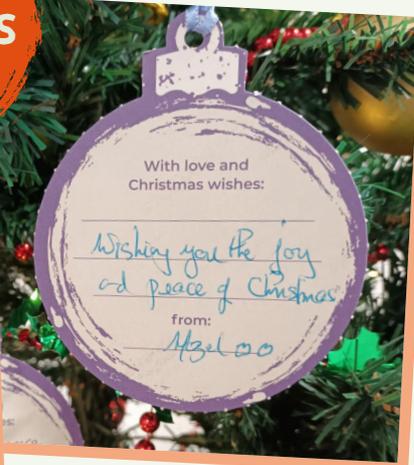


"Thank you for your kindness and generosity this Christmas. Your support helps us serve a special meal and, more importantly, show people that they are cared for and not forgotten. From all of us in the kitchen, thank you for making Christmas possible."

Chef Shay

THE HOPE YOU SHARE

We asked you to send in your Christmas Bauble Messages of Hope – and your response was simply incredible!



Here are just a few of your heartfelt messages. Your kind words meant so much to the people in our services. Thank you!

Depaul believes Homelessness has no place.

And it is only with your incredible support that we can help those in homelessness rebuild their lives and move on to a more positive future.

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