

## COVID-19 Response

At present, Ethical Giving is focused on identifying and funding organisations and projects based mainly in Gloucestershire that are supporting people in the local community who are particularly vulnerable during the current crisis.

Since April 2020, we have made donations totalling £11,250 to the following causes;

- [Feed Gloucester](#) (£1000) - co-ordinated by the [Gloucestershire Gateway Trust](#), the group supplies pre-paid supermarket vouchers to charities and schools to distribute to people and families that are struggling.
  - [Play Gloucestershire](#) (£1000) - the charity is aiming to deliver 1,000 'Bags of Play' to 1,000 children in need in Gloucestershire by the end of May. Each bag contains resources for active and creative, indoor and outdoor play at home.
- [National Star Foundation](#) (£1000) - through the National Star College, its training, specialist services and work in the wider community, the organisation is helping people with disabilities to realise their full potential.
- [Stroud Women's Refuge](#) (£1000) - provides a range of accommodation and support services for women and children at its two refuges, who have left home as a result of domestic abuse.
  - [Nailsworth Scrubs for Heroes](#) (£500) - co-ordinated by the Nailsworth Chamber of Commerce, the group is making visors, face masks and scrub sets, as well as cooking for NHS workers and providing them with free meals.
  - [Cheltenham Face Shields for NHS Staff](#) (£500) - co-ordinated by the Design and Technology department at Balcarra School, the group is producing face shields for NHS and other frontline workers.

Ethical Giving is also working with [Gloucestershire Funders](#), a new collaboration between charitable foundations and organisations who can provide funding for charities, groups, people and activities in Gloucestershire during the crisis. Through this initiative, we have supported the projects outlined below;

- [Friendship Café](#) (£1000) - the Gloucester-based charity is currently using its facilities to provide a community help hub to support those in need and offering services such as delivering essential supplies to those in isolation or difficult circumstances.
- [Forest Voluntary Action Forum](#) (£1000) - As the Volunteer Centre for the Forest of Dean, FVAF is currently helping to coordinate the district's response to the Covid-19 crisis e.g. to ensure vulnerable people have essential shopping and prescriptions delivered. It is working with local community groups to identify and fill gaps in provision.
- [The Marah Trust](#) (£1000) - Marah supports vulnerable and marginalised adults in the Stroud District including those who are homeless, have drug and alcohol addictions, and physical and mental health issues. The Trust continues to offer emergency food packs and free hot (takeaway) meals three days a week to visitors via its drop-in service.

- [InfoBuzz](#) (£1000) - this charity supports families and young people to address their mental and emotional needs through a range of specialist, counselling and therapeutic services. It also works within schools, and with offenders and their families, to break the cycle of crime.
- [Severn Vale Community Kitchen](#) (£1000) - The Kitchen is working in conjunction with GL11 Community Hub and other local agencies to provide wholesome, freshly-produced meals and distribute them to the local community on a not-for-profit basis.

In addition, Ethical Giving has supported the following fundraising appeals run by charities based in Cheltenham's twin town of Kisumu in Kenya;

- [Kisumu Children's Trust Emergency Hunger Appeal](#) (£750) - The Trust is distributing emergency food parcels to around 40 families living in close proximity to its children's home, who are struggling during the current crisis.
- [WellBoring Soap for Schools campaign](#) (£500) - We became aware of WellBoring's work in 2018 when we made a donation of £1,500 to part-fund a well at Ogwodo Primary School in Kisumu (completed in October of that year). In June 2020, Ethical Giving contributed to the charity's campaign to provide soap and hygiene training to the students at the schools where its wells have been installed.