



# PROVIDE DEVON

## Charity Newsletter – April '19

### SPONSOR A SPUD!

This month we launch our new campaign to encourage support to help us continue providing fresh and chilled produce in our emergency food packages. The team at **Provide Devon** strongly believe that children should not go without food such as milk, fruit or vegetables because of financial difficulties or any other crisis that should affect their families.

If you, your workplace or any community group you are involved with, would like to support or promote this campaign, please get in touch. The more support we receive, the more families & individuals we can reach. *Thank you!*

### CHILD POVERTY IN PLYMOUTH

Up to 40% of children in some areas of Plymouth are growing up in poverty, according to the Child Poverty Action Group's latest statistics. That's a third of children in every school class across the city. 70% of these children are in a home with at least one working parent. Sadly, child poverty has long-lasting effects. By GCSE age, children receiving free school meals are 28% less likely to receive at least 5 x A\*-C GCSE grades than children from wealthier families.

It can be easy to get lost in numbers or statistics, but our charity believes in supporting individuals, because even one hungry child in Plymouth is one too many.



**Provide Devon** supports families & individuals in crisis with emergency food. We work with Plymouth schools, charities, churches, council services and many other community groups to identify families in need. We can deliver within hours of a request and include fresh and chilled items too such as milk, bread, fruit & vegetables. Your donation will help us continue this vital service across Plymouth and provide families with food, when they need it most.

### Feeding Families in Crisis

Your donation can help us provide a family with:

- £1.00 = Bag of spuds
- £5.00 = Fresh & chilled food
- £10.00 = Whole food parcel



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### CHARITY GROWTH

Over the last few months we have increased our referral agents across the city, allowing us to offer food to people in crisis within all walks of life. In addition to supporting many of Plymouth's primary schools we also work with pre-schools, secondary schools, charities, churches, the City Council and other community organisations. So far this year we have provided emergency food to 100's of people and half of these have been children. Every one of these people were in severe crisis, some not eating for a number of days prior to our support. **Provide Devon** meets this need head on, allowing the referral agents time to explore longer term options.

## FOOD CHARITIES TOGETHER

**Provide Devon** attend regular meetings with other food charities in the city to help find ways to tackle food insecurity and poverty. Each charity offers a different approach and, by working together, we hope to reach as many people in need as possible. We were particularly pleased to collaborate with another charity earlier this month by providing fresh produce for their food boxes.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We currently have a number of opportunities to volunteer with **Provide Devon**. Please send us an email at [providedevon@outlook.com](mailto:providedevon@outlook.com) if you would like to know more.

- **Delivery Drivers** – One day a month. Delivering food packages to our referral agents around Plymouth.
- **Date Checkers** – Approximately 2 hours per month. Our food donations need to be sorted into date order and checked over before being given out.
- **Fundraisers** – If you are sporty and looking for a cause to help in a sponsored event, please get in touch. We'd love your support.

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## OUR COOP PARTNERSHIP

The Coop have been so supportive of **Provide Devon** since first hearing about the service we offer to families. We are delighted to have formally partnered with the retailer through their Food Share programme and want to say a HUGE THANKS to Kath, Dave, Dan and the rest of the staff for their work & personal donations to the charity. We currently have collecting tins in the Beacon Park Coop (Peeverell) branch so please pop by and support us and the store when you can.

## FINANCIAL DONATIONS

If you would like to financially support **Provide Devon**, why not set up a monthly standing order. Just send an email with your name, amount and whether you are a tax payer (as we may be able to claim Gift Aid) and we will send you our account details. Alternatively, cheques can be made payable to "Provide Devon". All donations are gratefully received and will be used to continue our charitable work.

## FOOD DONATIONS

Please get in contact if you would like to donate food to be used in our Emergency Food Packages. We often run low on every day essentials such as rice, cereals, squash, tea, toiletries, sugar and tinned tomatoes. Other luxury treats such as chocolate, cakes, puddings or biscuits are great too!

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