

An invitation to Sanctuary



Exciting! Challenging! Hard work..... Yes! But a chance to see lives turned around by the love of God ... which makes every aching muscle or heart-wrenching prayer worthwhile.

Sanctuary isn't just a place – its the people. We want to invite you to become one of those Sanctuary people... to take a risk and launch yourself out on God in a whole new way.

Sanctuary offers you a chance to be surprised by God as you grow in your own faith journey, helping to build a unique community dedicated to living in step with God.

Discover the joy of seeing captives set free as God's love ministers to damaged hearts and minds... and expect miracles! Sanctuary is God's vision.... not ours. He's the one who has brought us this far and He has promised to pour out His Spirit on the marginalised and broken of our town. We fully expect to see things, "no eye has seen, no ear has heard and no mind has imagined..."

Grace House

As the first step towards this vision, we are in the process of buying a large property in central Colchester. Grace House will be about learning and growing in a 'safe' family environment. It will be for those who have hit rock bottom. Unashamedly coming from a Christian perspective, Grace House will be open to those of all faiths or none at all. Living as part of a family unit, individuals will be supported through the healing process and helped to develop independent living and employment skills with a view to re-entering mainstream society.

We need volunteers, prayer warriors and donations

You can get involved by offering your skills. If you can spare a few hours on a 'one-off' or regular basis, we'd love to hear from you. We need people with practical skills such as DIY, gardening, administration or fundraising, as well as those whose gifts are more geared towards creative projects or getting alongside people. All volunteers will receive an induction as well as ongoing supervision and support and will be required to attend an informal interview before starting.

We also need prayer warriors... to maintain a prayer shield around the project, get involved in individual prayer ministry or join in specific prayer events. This is a vital role and if your heart lies in this direction, we need you!

As the project gets underway, we will also need money and materials to refurbish the house and meet the cost of special initiatives. A website is in preparation which will include details of projects you, your church, housegroup, club or company may like to sponsor. Or maybe you're able to offer gifts in kind. Please call Sally Stephenson on the number below for further details.

Want to find out more?

We'd like to invite you to a meeting on Tuesday March 21st from 8.00 – 10.00 pm. It will be held at the Jesus Centre, King Harold Road, Shrub End where we will be able to tell you more about Sanctuary and how you can become involved. To give us an idea of numbers, it would be good if you could let us know beforehand. However if you can't, don't worry... please turn up anyway.

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