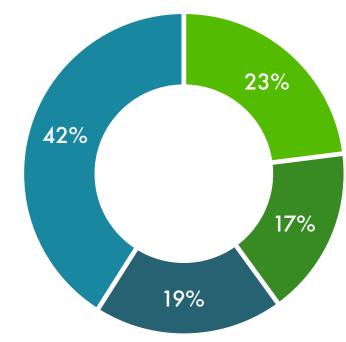
WINTER NIGHT SHELTER 2025



"THE LARGEST FAITH BASED NIGHT SHELTER IN LONDON" - HOUSING JUSTICE IMPACT REPORT COMMUNITY TEAM AWARD WINNERS - KINGSTON STRONGER TOGETHER 2025

VENUES: 3 BEDS: 45 VOLUNTEERS: 85 GUESTS: 102 NIGHTS: IOI



POSITIVE* MOVE-ON RATE

- Positive and stable
- Positive not stable
 - Not positive
 - Unknown

*where positive means housed and stable means likely to maintain

GUEST CASE STUDY

Just months before my final A-Level exams — a time that should have been filled with revision, dreams, and planning for the future – my life completely fell apart. I became homeless.

It's hard to describe the feeling of carrying your schoolbooks with nowhere to sleep at night or trying to focus on a future that suddenly feels so far away. I was overwhelmed, uncertain, and felt completely alone in the world.

But God did not leave me there. He placed people in my path who changed everything.

I'll never forget the young boy who first brought me to the Kingston Churches Night Shelter. That single act of kindness may have saved my life. And then came Tracey - who welcomed me into the shelter with a warmth and care I can only describe as motherly. She wasn't just the manager. She was like a mother to all of us. She made us feel safe, seen, and valued. She asked how I was doing every day. She took care of everyone, and the love she gave us turned a shelter into something that truly felt like home.

The volunteers were another blessing. They were like a family to us - like growing up at your grandparents' house, where laughter fills the air, games bring people together, and there's a sense of comfort that words can't fully express. Those nights didn't feel like survival – they felt like healing. They felt like hope.

Kingston Churches Night Shelter... I don't even know how to put it into words. It wasn't just a shelter — it was a lifeline, a turning point, a place where I began to believe in tomorrow again. Thanks to God with their help, I was also moved into stable housing.

As Maya Angelou once said, "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." That's exactly what the shelter did for me.

Please keep doing what you do, because out there right now, someone else is waiting for the door of hope to open to them as it did for us.

With gratitude and every blessing.

SUPPLIER THANKS

RBK. THE EVERYDAY CHURCH. ALL SAINTS CHURCH. GREG MILES. NIGEL. DIMITRI. CANADIAN AND PORTLAND. RBKARES. SAVE THE WORLD CLUB. GO OUTDOORS. POOR BOYS. KINGSTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL. BREYER GROUP. TK MAXX. HOUSING JUSTICE. SUNRAY COMMUNITY CENTRE

STAFF FEEDBACK

FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE

"SEEING THE GUESTS 'AT HOME', EATING, AND PLAYING UNO."

WORST EXPERIENCE

"FINDING OUT THE GUESTS YOUV'E GOT TO KNOW THE MOST CANNOT BE HOUSED."

FUNNIEST EXPERIENCE

"WHEN A GUEST NM DECIDED TO DELIVER A SERMON IN THE LOUNGE AND HAD A CAPTIVE **AUDIENCE."**

COULD DO BETTER

"FIND A BIGGER VENUE"

VOLUNTEERS AWARD WINNING LEGENDS

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