

**Over the Christmas period in  
December  
217 people were  
supported by FEED.**



**East Durham Trust**  
*Moving our community forward*

**For more information on the FEED  
project contact us on 01915693511**

## **FEED Update February 2016**

Public donations have helped to create **Food Parcels** which have been delivered to people in crisis situations – examples have included individuals suffering mental health problems, temporary residents in a Women's Refuge, individuals starting employment with a gap in their income, victims of robbery, families affected by changes to benefits, Victims of Domestic Abuse can receive additional support which is funded by the Police Crime Commissioner plus many more situations which can spiral individuals and families into a crisis.

### **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY DOMESTIC ABUSE**

On December 22nd Police Crimes and Commissioner Ron Hogg visited the Trust to see the valuable work that goes on as part of the FEED project. East Durham Trust has recently been fortunate enough to receive additional support from Ron Hogg to expand the FEED project to include extra assistance and items for those affected by Domestic Abuse. This includes baby food, nappies, sanitary products, toiletries, cleaning products and toilet roll. We have already seen excellent uptake of this extra help at a time when unfortunately instances of domestic abuse are at their highest.



### **Megan's\* Story**

Megan was brought into the Refuge with her 2 week old baby, she suffered Domestic Abuse from her ex partner also had no fixed abode. She was supported through the FEED Project and was supplied with Nappies and food for herself which helped her until she received further support.

\*Names have been changed to protect the identities of FEED beneficiaries.



## **CHRISTMAS DONATIONS AND A BIG THANK YOU!**

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the people of East Durham this Christmas to our FEED project. This year we have had more donations than ever before and it's this generosity that allows the project to continue to offer support to the people of East Durham.

Donations have come from a wider range of places including Aykley Head Police Station, Acre Rigg Infants School, Healthworks Easington, Dene Community School, Our Lady of the Star of the Sea Primary School, Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Horden and Shotton Children's Centres, PCC Ron Hogg, NCS College, St Mary's Primary School, Peter Lee Memorial Methodist Church, East Durham Homes and so many more.

One of our biggest donations came from the Academy at Shotton Hall who arrived with a minibus full of food donations and a cheque for over £300 for our FEED project. They even helped unload it! It would be impossible to list everyone here who has contributed but East Durham Trust and the FEED project would like to thank you all for everything you have done. Your continued support is what keeps the FEED project going.

## **FEED Volunteers**

A huge part of the FEED project is our volunteers who give up their time every week. Without them we wouldn't be able to support all of the people we do. **THANK YOU** to all of our volunteers!

**If you'd like to volunteer contact us on 0191 5693511**

**Thank you to all who have donated and providing essential support for local people in crisis.**

**Every Item Counts!!**

### **John's\* Story**

John\* who is 16 years of age had being estranged from his parents, he has being rehomed in supported accommodation and is waiting for his benefit claim to be processed. He had no funds to feed himself however he was given assistance from the FEED Project and receives ongoing support from Stonham.

### **David's\* Story**

David\* and his family have significant debts and are at risk of losing their tenancy, their benefits have also been stopped and they are due to make an appeal. They are being supported by One Point and the food parcel will support them short term until a decision has been made.