

FEED Update September 2016

As expected, the school summer holidays have been an extremely busy period for the FEED project, with many local families struggling financially due to not having access to free school meal provision. Other crisis situations that we have provided support with include 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, plus many more situations which can spiral individuals and families into a crisis. Without the invaluable support from public donations it would be impossible to meet this demand.



East Durham Trust
Moving our community forward

THANK YOU TO LOCAL SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES



We have had some fantastic support from the National Careers Service at East Durham College. Over the last few weeks they have made huge donations to the foodbank. Also local schools including The Academy at Shotton Hall, Acre Rigg Primary School, Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School and local Sure Start nurseries made donations at the end of summer term. The holidays are a busy time for the project and we really appreciate the support which has helped us to meet the increased demand.

**For more information on the FEED project contact us
on 0191 5693511 or info@eastdurhamtrust.org.uk**

Keep us in mind when deciding where to send any harvest donations. The cold weather will soon be setting in and local people would really appreciate something warm to eat.

Harvest Festivals present a valuable opportunity to collect for the FEED project.

Deborah's* Story

Deborah* was referred after confiding with her child's teacher at the end of term that she was struggling financially. Her husband is disabled but his benefit was sanctioned and they had been without payment for three weeks so had little food in the house. A food parcel helped them through the summer until their benefits were back in place.

Sharon's* Story

Sharon* is a 38 year old single mother of 3. She has recently separated from her partner which has resulted in her Tax Credits reducing significantly. Her children are also entitled to free school meals so the holiday period causes financial pressure. The FEED project provided a much needed food parcel to help whilst her new claim was processing.

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

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS KEN AND SARA WHO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR REGULAR DONORS WHO CONTINUE TO BRING FOOD AND MONEY TO SUPPORT THE FEED PROJECT ON A REGULAR BASIS. WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU.

What else we do at East Durham Trust

Did you know?...

- We offer advice on debt and energy usage
- We hold community job clubs at local venues
- We can save you money online
- We have volunteering opportunities
- We host a range of free activities

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

Every Item Counts!!