

# A Big Thank You

A HUGE thank you to all our corporate sponsors who've helped us in so many ways over the last 12 months! We can't mention them all, but special thanks to Northwards Housing, Arcus, the Bank of NY Mellon, Icon, the Co-op, John Lewis, Watson Moore, Guinness Northern Counties, Sainsburys, Creative Lynx and Quayside Bakery. A special thank you goes to Barclays, whose brilliant team of staff volunteers helped make our Ladies Night a success, and Black Pepper Catering, who provided food for the event



*The team from Barclays, who lent a hand with just about everything on Ladies Night*

# Important! Email Newsletter

**Starting in the New Year, we will be replacing this printed newsletter with an email version in order to save money – and paper!**

**To make sure you keep receiving your copy, please could you send your email address to: [Lydia@mustardtree.co.uk](mailto:Lydia@mustardtree.co.uk)**

# Bupa Run 2012 – Run for Mustard Tree

We need 70 runners to take part in the Bupa Great North Run to raise funds for Mustard Tree – if you would like to enrol please contact Lydia on 0161 228 7331

# Prayer Points

Please join us in prayer:

- That we will soon be able to purchase a new delivery van.
- That our homeless clients stay safe and well this winter.
- For the success of our new Get Ready project.

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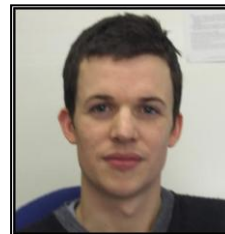
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# Another Year Over

What a year we've had at Mustard Tree! It has been great to welcome Soraya, Fiona, Ian and Johnny to the team, see StandFirm social enterprise set up and provide employment for 5 former clients, watch Graham develop the art department and most of all seeing lives given hope and purpose again. Yet again we have been massively blessed by our incredible team of volunteers and many individuals, churches, companies and organisations that have supported us this year - we are extremely grateful for all your help. I urge you to remember those who find the Christmas period painful and lonely, there are many small actions that we could take over the next weeks that could lessen that pain and bring some comfort to those feeling alone. Happy Christmas!



Merry  
Christmas

# Appeal - We Need Wheels!

We use our vans for all sorts – they are crucial to the work we do; from picking up and delivering our furniture donations, to transferring tins and packages for our soup runs. One of our vans has recently seen its last delivery however, it's given up and gone into retirement as we can no

longer use it. This means that we are a van short – and we need your help! We really need donations to build up funds so we can get another van, and get back on the road as soon as possible. To donate, text the word '**ROCK13**' to **70070** followed by the amount of your donation e.g. texting 'ROCK13 £5' would result in a £5 donation to Mustard Tree. Alternatively, e-mail [lydia@mustardtree.co.uk](mailto:lydia@mustardtree.co.uk) or visit [www.mustardtree.org.uk](http://www.mustardtree.org.uk) to donate online.



## Volunteers Big Day Out



Mustard Tree's hardworking volunteers enjoyed a well-deserved day off on a trip to Wales last month. They travelled to Llandudno where they went on a coastal coach tour, climbed the Great Orme, and finished off with crazy golf.

The trip was funded thanks to a £350.00 grant from System One Travel – and a good time was had by all!

## All Change In The Office

The past few months have seen big changes in the Mustard Tree. As well as the redesign of our shop floor, we have also moved into a new office area. The new open-plan layout is a big improvement after the smaller offices we had been used to!



## Oh What A Night!



Mustard Tree's second Ladies Pamper Evening, at the end of October, was a huge success. More than 150 ladies enjoyed an evening of free beauty treatments, great food, and entertainment.

One high point was a fashion show, where staff and volunteers including those pictured left (below) took to the catwalk clothed in Mustard Tree chic! A big thank you to everyone who helped with the event, including Black Pepper Catering who provided food, Barclays, who were invaluable, L'Oreal for their donation of cosmetics, and all those who helped with treatments on the night.

We're already looking forward to next year!



## Gina's In Charge!

Introducing Mustard Tree's new Kitchen Supervisor, Gina Robertson.

Gina has been volunteering here for a year, and took over the job of managing our kitchen at the end of October.

Using the skills she gained from working in several top-notch restaurants, she is doing a great job of making sure everything runs smoothly.

