



# Soroptimist International Milton Keynes

2020

Achievements

Milton Keynes

WE STAND  UP  
FOR **WOMEN!**  
Believe to Achieve



# What we achieved in 2020



## MK Act received:

- Over 1,530 home made cakes (approx. donated cost of £460), delivered weekly during the first lockdown, boosting the morale of hardworking staff and isolated families at MK Act. And cake making has started up again in Jan 2021
- £520, raised this year to go towards MK Act Pilot project bid – SI:MK aiming to raise £2,000 (£1,010 raised to date)
- £435 donated in the form of Christmas sacks and chocolate selections boxes for the children
- Annual donation of £100
- £360 worth of Toiletries provided
- Quilts made by our members/friends, to the value of £240
- Face masks made for staff during the first lockdown



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## YMCA received:

- A Cheque of £2,605 raised through a number of innovative fundraising activities to sponsor a dedicated room for a young person at the new YMCA building, the room is named “The Violet Room”
- An original artwork for the “Violet Room” which was commissioned and created by one of the MK Snap learners, at a cost of £40
- With the help of one of our new members, Lois, Homemade Christmas lunches for 30 young people with donations of £450
- Annual donation of £100
- £360 worth of Toiletries
- 30 Quilts made by our members/friends, to the value of £2,400
- Reviewing relationship going forward and their new requirements





**British  
RedCross**

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## British Red Cross received:

- Annual donation of £100
- Christmas presents to the value of £85 donated
- £760 worth of Toiletries
- Quilts made by our members/friends, to the value of £240

## Works For Us received:

- Annual donation of £100
- Sub group set up to help Works For us through this pandemic





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## Winter Night Shelter received:

- Donated £100
- £760 worth of Toiletries
- Shepherds pies delivered to the Night Shelter community every week since March (and still ongoing). The tasty pies, as one Night Shelter person said, have been made by one of our members husband at an approx. donation value of £700
- Hats, gloves, scarves, knickers made to the value of £244 donated



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## Other activities undertaken in 2020 included:

- Over 250 bras collected and sent to Gambia through linking up with the local “Oasis Project” to ‘support’ women and girls
- Members joined a local campaign called #Postcards of Hope, which asked strangers to write a message of kindness & hope to a local vulnerable person experiencing isolation during lockdown. Over 70 postcards sent to bring joy to over 150 people during lockdown; in total 300 postcards sent
- Members got busy de-branding (unpicking the stubborn labels) on over 300 donated scarves as part of a recycling programme to reduce waste and landfill and to provide vital work for learners at MK Snap, a local charity working with people with Learning Disabilities
- Through online lunches, raffles and sales of items, we have fundraised £520 in 2020 towards our MK Act project. Our target is £2,000, of which £1,010 has been raised to date
- £2,200 worth of Toiletries in 2020 distributed to 5 local charities including our 4 linked charities
- Via our twitter, website and newsletter supported the #16days of activism event by raising awareness
- Attracting new members and contacts to our group
- Taking part in bringing forward the idea of a “Women's Partnership” in Milton Keynes to provide support and raise the voice of women
- Through online lunches, meetings and phone calls supporting each other through this pandemic

