

# PARTNER UPDATE FROM STORK HQ

Autumn  
2018



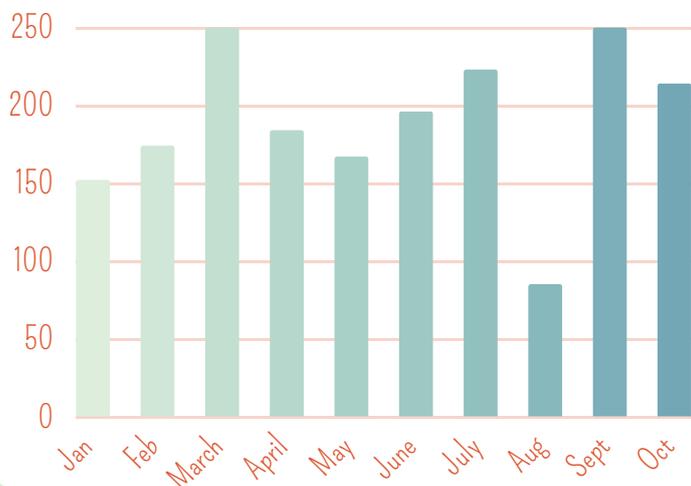
This year has been our busiest year to date. We are now averaging 50 requests for help per week, and our total for this year to date is over 1900, which means we are close to our prediction of answering #2018in2018 referrals. We celebrated our 5th birthday this year and since starting we have responded to over 5600 requests for help and given out over £1.9m of items free of charge. A community coming together to share and reuse valuable items. Reaching even more vulnerable families across Surrey is our aim for 2019.

*Nicola Jones*



Founder & General Manager

## 2018 Referrals



## Making a Difference

Feedback from a Social Worker supporting a 10 year old boy from a family with a history of domestic abuse and chronic neglect. We provided clothes, toys, books, toiletries, Lego, a new desk lamp and bedding for his new room at a boarding school and even provided a reconditioned iPad mini. "He was so thrilled with all the things he received and his bedroom is now looking very homely. His response when he saw the iPad was lovely but the thing that won him over the most was 'his very own dressing gown!' He told me that he had never had one before and that he was looking forward to having a shower that night and wearing it from the bathroom to his bedroom!". Something so simple as a dressing gown having such an impact. Imagine...



Donna  
Community Ambassador

## Team Stork

Thanks to the support of funding partners we were able to welcome two new part time staff. Donna is our Community Ambassador with a focus on building partnerships and increasing referrals from new areas. Charlotte is our Volunteer Coordinator and there to support regular and corporate volunteers. Both have made a significant difference and helped contribute to the great feedback we receive.



Charlotte  
Volunteer Coordinator

## Team Volunteering

One of our 2018 highlights has been the partnerships we've developed with a range of corporate partners. Each Thursday we welcome a team to work in our office and the sessions are booked up months in advance. Thank you to groups like Reed Business Information, Fidelity International, HSBC and Metro Bank.

*"One of my favourite charity days to date. Nice people, worthy cause and grateful for our support. It is nice when the organisation is well organised – you feel like you are really adding value."*

Reed Business Information



## The Next Quarter

Our main focus from now until Christmas is Santa Stork, where we aim to give a personal gift to 1500 local children in need and their parents/carers. There are many ways to support this worthwhile campaign:

- ★ Buy a gift from our Amazon wishlist
- ★ Donate to our Local Giving appeal page
- ★ Buy a present from our suggested gift list

All details and links can be found at:  
[www.stripestork.org.uk/santa-stork](http://www.stripestork.org.uk/santa-stork)

Give a gift, make a memory...

