

VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION 2023 – NOMINATIONS

HOPE AWARD

David, Logistics: He is a cheerful presence whether it is driving the van, helping at the Pantry or as a positive advocate for us.

Mike, Welfare Advice: Mike works tirelessly for CA. He is so helpful, flexible and a true ambassador for our charity. He is a genuinely good person who helps just because he can and has a real compassion for those in need. His knowledge and resourcefulness are called upon frequently and he never lets anyone down.

Andrea, Logistics: Andrea is a breath of fresh air when she is in the office. She has a can-do attitude and can be relied upon to get important jobs done. She is organised and efficient. She gives all clients a very warm welcome and puts them at ease.

Joyce, Grace Pantry: For her dedication to Grace Food Pantry and always going the extra mile in offering help to fellow volunteers and to clients. She is always so positive and cheerful.

ACTION AWARD

Margaret, Community Market: Margaret absolutely puts her heart, soul and cognitive abilities into all she does. It's inspirational.

Jackie, Ainsdale Foodbank: Always cheerful and efficient and very good with clients.

Nicola, Uniform Hub: She is a very organised and committed person who has the interests of those using the service at heart. She brings so much expertise into the Uniform Hub. She has adapted what she has been doing for many years to fit in with the wider connections within the Compassion Acts family and she is such a welcome addition to the team. Welcome on board!

Adam, Logistics: He is the most loyal and trustworthy individual, who has high standards in his work and always wants to get the job done as quickly as possible. His strength for lifting crates of food is legendary and his presence in the warehouse or the van is always positive. He has a good sense of humour and cares deeply for what he is doing. Without him, it would be difficult for us to operate. He is a star!

Megan: She throws herself 100% into everything she does, despite being a busy person with her own studies and took on additional responsibilities to lead our project. She is someone who engages very positively with the staff team and is understanding that it takes a wide range of skillsets, ages and backgrounds to deliver effective projects. She can be relied upon to offer honest and relevant feedback. Well done!

UNITY AWARD

Peter, SNR Foodbank: A wise and trusted long term volunteer who has worked in two different locations over the years.

Family Space Birkdale Team: Everyone has got very involved from the start of this project and shows enthusiasm and commitment. All are very welcoming to the families who come each week and enjoy the challenges, getting to know the parents and children.

Gill, Ukrainian Welcome Centre: Gill joined the charity to support with the Ukraine Welcome Centre, and since then has shown complete dedication to using her skills and expertise, as well as her compassion and sense of justice, to help others. She has really thrown herself into her volunteer roles and given a lot of time and effort, not only to support Ukrainian refugees and their hosts, but all of our clients and the wider community.

Ken, Birkdale Pantry: Ken is always the life and soul at Birkdale pantry. He is always happy, and never fails in cheering everyone up. He chats to everyone and is always on hand to help clients with their shopping. Any new clients are always warmly welcomed by him and he often includes them in conversations with others to make them feel more comfortable. He is always having a laugh and a joke.

RESPECT AWARD

Rosie, Southport Pantry: she is a good listener and displays real empathy for members of the Pantry. As important is her ability to build bridges within the team and unlock solutions to any problem.

Lilian, Southport Pantry: Lilian has a lovely manner, a kind and caring nature. She has a smile for everyone and you feel like you have had a big hug when you have sat and chatted with her. Lilian has an ability to make people feel at ease whether a pantry member, volunteer or staff.

Maria, Lakeside Foodbank: Maria is a bright light in what can sometimes be quite difficult and trying circumstances. When there was a need for a lead volunteer at Lakeside she stepped into the role and has made it her own with diligence and efficiency. She is always thinking about the clients and their needs and is more than willing to go the extra mile for those who are in need of foodbank.

Geraldine, Formby Pantry: She is a kind, compassionate person who has always got a smile and time for every person who comes to Formby pantry.