

# LIFESHARE



# CHRISTMAS PROJECT REPORT

- 2024 -



# THE PROJECT 2024

The Lifeshare Christmas Project 2024 welcomed 1,385 guests and provided a total of 2,300 meals over the festive period. Beyond nourishment, we offered essentials, such as clothing, showers, toiletries, sleeping bags, and rucksacks, to help meet immediate needs. Guests also had access to healthcare and personal care services, including nurses, barbers and an optician. To foster a sense of community and joy, we provided entertainment, games, and most importantly, a safe and welcoming space for those who might not have otherwise had this support over the Christmas period.



## “Thanks for your time and graft. You are angels on Earth. Truth.”

Guest comment

The success of the Lifeshare Christmas Project 2024 is a testament to the incredible hard work and meticulous preparation by our coordinators, Jimmy and Deb, the dedication of our "Xmas elves" team, and the invaluable contributions of every volunteer who gave their time and energy throughout the week.

This year, we trialed a new format for the Lifeshare Christmas Project, offering five days of Christmas, opening for twelve hours each day, bookended by five days of breakfast provisions. This approach ensured our guests received the most support and festive cheer possible.





Some of our incredible volunteers

# VOLUNTEERS

Our Lifeshare Christmas Project would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our incredible volunteer teams. This Christmas, an astounding 361 volunteers have stepped up to help, embodying the true spirit of community and generosity. From early risers preparing breakfasts to late-night teams ensuring everything was ready for the next day, our volunteers gave their time, energy, and compassion to make the project a huge success.

Their smiles, dedication, and willingness to go the extra mile created a warm and welcoming environment for our guests. Whether helping prepare and serving meals throughout the day, tidying up, assisting with extra services or simply offering a listening ear, each volunteer played a vital role in spreading joy and kindness throughout the festive period. We are deeply grateful for their commitment and hope they realise the profound difference they have made to the lives of so many this Christmas. Well done, Team Lifeshare!



1,385 guests  
attended over  
10 days



2,300 meals  
served



361  
amazing  
volunteers

# SPECIAL SUPPORT

Alongside our staff team and volunteers, this year we were joined by:

- The Moulding Family

We appreciated Jodie, Matt and their boys coming to help service lunch, as well as hot brews. Their support and fabulous fundraising has made a big difference to providing on-going services for our guests.



- Maxine Peak - Actress and Lifeshare's patron
- Diogo Dalot - Manchester United Footballer

Both of these wonderful celebrities took time out of their busy schedules to help out at our project, offering practical support, as well as providing much needed publicity of the valuable work we do.



## "Thanks for making our Xmas"

Guest comment



# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

As ever, the work we do would not be possible without the generous support of our funders and donors. Their kindness and belief in our mission ensured the Lifeshare Christmas Project was fully funded this year, allowing us to spread hope and joy to those in need.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our grant funders, corporate partners, and the general public. Your generosity and Christmas spirit made this project the success it was, bringing comfort and care to so many during the festive season.

## Special thanks to:

### Corporate partners:

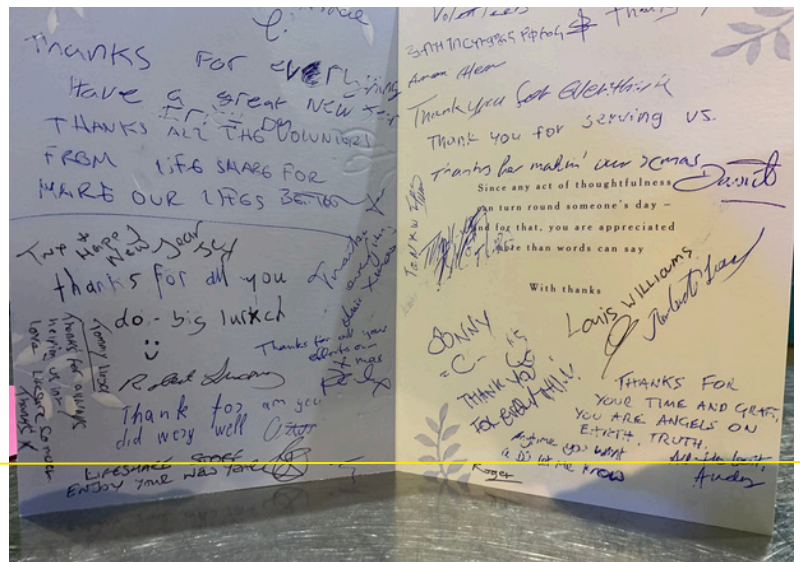
- Women in Law
- The Moulding Foundation
- Godel Technologies
- Mayo Civils
- Vinci

### General public:

- Via our Christmas Dinner Campaign

### Grant funders:

- The Charity Service
- The Parry Family



**A thank you card from some of our guests**

The spirit of Christmas was also in full force in Manchester's property and construction community this year, as generous donations poured in to support us. Vinci Building led the campaign and kindly rallied our supporters. Through a collective effort, they raised an incredible £15,000, helping to provide vital support for those who use our services over the Christmas period. Contributors included:

- Vinci Building
- Mayo Civils
- Mayo / Willmott Dixon
- Muse Places
- JCS
- O'Neill & Brennan
- FK Façade
- Reds Joinery

**Thank you to each and every person involved in making Lifeshare's Christmas Project 2024 the incredible success it has been.**

**We could not do it without you.**