

# **THE FATHER'S ARM**

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

The Father's Arm Community outreach project focuses on reaching the unsaved. The project, established in 2013, evolved from an understanding of the socio-economic environment in the Moorings area of Thamesmead, plus the gathering of research which identified various needs amongst vulnerable, homeless and disadvantaged groups of people living in community. These groups outlined the types of projects they felt would benefit and meet the needs of those living in Thamesmead and the surrounding areas.

**Mission statement:** To reach the unreached through unique community development projects.

**Values and Ethos:** To provide a caring, safe and supportive environment, whilst building trust and respect between staff and service users.

**Project Aim:** To provide a variety of services for disadvantaged and vulnerable groups/families living in Thamesmead and in the wider community, opening one day a week increasing to 3 days a week after 6 months.

**Objectives:**

- To provide breakfast for vulnerable and disadvantaged groups
- To provide washing and cleaning facilities (shower, washing machine, clothing)
- To create a Welcome Centre – general recreation, social interaction, counselling, referrals
- Provide information and create awareness of other relevant services.
- To provide a Food Bank for families and other vulnerable groups of people.

Since the project's inception, we continue to provide a breakfast on alternate Saturdays which incorporates a church service. As part of the project, we pray for the community and conduct home visits.

# Christmas Breakfast Fellowship 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023

