

## **Charities Support Group**

### **Donations update, July 2020**

We are pleased to report that we have recently made our annual donations to many of the charities we regularly support. To prioritise our contributions, we looked carefully at each to see which were most in need of the funds at this time. An example is given for each group.

#### **Local Donations**

YMCA Bishop's Stortford, Alzheimer's Society Hertfordshire, Children's Integrated Playschemes (CHIPS) Bishop's Stortford.

- We were delighted to hear from CHIPS that they are running a Summer scheme in Bishop's Stortford though a smaller one due to current regulations.

#### **UK**

Church Urban Fund, Safe Families for Children, Young Minds, Church Army

- Safe Families for Children have experienced increased demand from people with mental health issues and struggling with social distancing problems. They have just supported their 10,000th child since they the charity began and have 4,600 volunteers.

#### **Overseas**

USPG, CMS, Freedom from Torture, Anti Slavery International, Christian Solidarity, Embrace, Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation, Hope and Homes for Children, Delhi Brotherhood,

- Anti Slavery International have reported that the pandemic puts more at higher risk of exploitation. It can also harm recovery for survivors trying to rebuild lives.

The charities have replied promptly and gratefully to our donations at a time when many fundraising initiatives have been cancelled and the needs of the people they support have increased.