



# FareShare Leicester

Annual Report 2009

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.  
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink”  
**Matthew 25 v.35**



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## Introduction

It gives us great pleasure to report on a successful first year for FareShare Leicester and be able to thank the many people and organisations that help in our work.

John Willetts  
Project Director

Simone Connolly  
Project Coordinator



## About FareShare Leicester

FareShare Leicester was established on 1st July, 2008. We are a project of the Diocese of Leicester and a franchise of the national charity FareShare.

FareShare takes good quality surplus food from the food industry that is used for those in need, rather than being sent to landfill. All food is within its use-by date and complies with strict hygiene legislation.

FareShare Leicester presently operates as a van franchise one day a week and has no premises. Food is distributed to community support groups that meet the FareShare criteria, regardless of religious or other affiliation. Food is distributed weekly on a Monday to our 20 Community Food Members. Much of the food comes from the FareShare depots in Birmingham and Bristol. Additionally, local Aldi and Sainsbury's stores allow the groups to collect surplus food. Surplus food is also collected from EAT, on four days a week.

FareShare Leicester is a self supporting project, entirely dependent upon donations.

## Highlights of the year

- A three month trial of collections of surplus food from Aldi stores commenced in December. Its success has confirmed a permanent arrangement, the first time Aldi have ever worked with FareShare.
- North Warwickshire & Hinckley College designated us as their official charity. They have committed to give a wide range of help 'in kind' e.g. promoting us to staff and students / delivery of training (free of charge) / advice & support with grant writing / help with publicity material / encouraging their suppliers to support FareShare.
- Tony Lowe, Chief Executive of FareShare made his first visit to FareShare Leicester, meeting our team, seeing how we work and visiting three of our projects.
- In December we had our "Christmas Bonanza". As well as the normal food distribution, about 2,000 Christmas presents which had been collected in churches across the Diocese in the "Wish on a Star" appeal were distributed; and the Sainsbury's stores at Belgrave Road, Fosse Park and Oadby generously donated 'new' food worth about £1500.
- The Right Reverend Tim Stevens, Bishop of Leicester, spent a day with us in February experiencing our work and meeting representatives from groups we support.
- The appointment of Whitwick Community Coffee Shop as a Community Food Member extended our service into NW Leicestershire for the first time.
- In January we commenced collections from the EAT Shop in the Highcross Centre, of food that is surplus at the end of the day.
- We have twice been featured on BBC Radio Leicester and had a number of reports in the Leicester Mercury.
- In April 2009 we were awarded a grant from Churches Urban Fund of £6,000 spread over 2 years to help support our work.

"FareShare Leicester provide an excellent service to the Community Food Members they support, which I have seen firsthand and we are pleased to have them as part of the FareShare Network"

Tony Lowe, Chief Executive, FareShare.

## Performance Data for 2008/09

FareShare Leicester completed its first year of operation as a FareShare franchise at the end of June 2009. During that year, although only operating one day a week, we: -

- Redistributed over 41 tonnes of food (60% was sourced from FareShare depots in Birmingham and Bristol and 40% sourced from local suppliers)
- Supply food to 20 community groups, as detailed below
- Help feed 2,000 vulnerable people each week

## Financial Report 2008/09

### FareShare Leicester Income and Expenditure Account

FOR THE YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2009

Income	Expenses	Income
Income from Diocese of Leicester		£4,792.00
Income from FareShare H.Q.		£2,418.61
Sundry Income		£21.17
Donations received		£5,338.67
		£12,570.45
<b>Direct expenses</b>		
Van hire	£2,413.71	
Fuel	£885.96	
	£3,299.67	
<b>Balance</b>		<b>£9,270.78</b>

### FareShare Leicester Administrative expenses

FOR THE YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2009

Administrative expenses	Expenses	Income
Administrator costs	£5,512.00	
Catering	£37.50	
Postage and stationery	£24.67	
Travel	£64.79	
Sundry costs	£132.00	
Computer/laptop	£452.78	
	£6,223.74	
<b>Surplus of income over expenditure</b>		<b>£3,047.04</b>

“FareShare Leicester is a most impressive project which demonstrates Christian values at its heart. It ensures that, instead of wasting food, we are feeding those who are most in need of it”

Right Reverend Tim Stevens, Bishop of Leicester.

## Community Food Members

Our present Community Food Members are: -

- The Centre Project
- CASP (Northfield Advice Centre)
- St. Matthews Community Centre
- Loughborough Women's Aid
- Foundation Housing
- LASS (Leicester Aids Support Service)
- St Paul's Over 60s Group
- Leicester Welcome Project
- The Women's Welcome Project
- Age Concern
- British Red Cross Refugee & Asylum Seeker Support Service
- Leicester City Council Social Services Emergency Duty Team
- Network for Change
- The Contact Project
- The New Futures Project
- Y Advice Centre
- Project 5000 (Loughborough)
- The Bridge Project
- Whitwick Community Coffee Shop
- Joseph's Storehouse at Carpenters Arms, Loughborough

## Future plans, aim and vision

The aim of FareShare Leicester is to set up a full time depot to serve Leicester, Leicestershire and the East Midlands, distributing over 300 tonnes of food a year to people living at the margins of society. To do that we will need to fund suitably equipped industrial warehouse premises, a paid full time manager, dedicated vehicles, etc.

As the immediate next stage in our development plan, we are seeking funds to allow: -

- Rental of pallet space in a warehouse / logistics company for receipt of food via national distributions
- Funding for a project officer to identify and develop partnerships with local food producers, suppliers and retailers (£8,000)

We are delighted to report that FareShare Leicester has been nominated as the recipient charity for this year's Collect4Christmas appeal by Leicestershire Cares, which should give a significant boost to our funding.

## Thanks to...

### ... our food suppliers

We are grateful to the team at FareShare H.Q. who negotiate supplies from the food industry and our colleagues at FareShare Birmingham and FareShare South West (Bristol) who make food available for us to collect each week. Locally, the managers and staff at Aldi and Sainsbury's stores, and the EAT Shop, are a great support to our work. Thanks also to the churches and schools that donated their harvest festival produce. However, more food is always needed and we would be delighted to hear from prospective food donors.

### ... our volunteers

We currently have a small but hardworking team of nine volunteers, who drive the vans and manage the distributions. We could not function without their loyalty, enthusiasm and commitment. We are most grateful to St Paul's Worship Centre, Kirby Road, Leicester and Yvonne their Churchwarden for the use of their premises for our weekly distribution.

### ... donors

During the year we received donations of over £5,300 from individuals, churches, groups and organisations, whom we thank for their generous support.

The Diocese of Leicester and FareShare H.Q. also assist us financially. The Churches Urban Fund has given us our first major grant, awarding us £6,000 over two years.

### ... North Warwickshire & Hinckley College for production.

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