

As the year draws to a close, we reflect on all the brilliant work the staff and volunteers at RCT have undertaken. There have been lots of new programmes introduced and the staff team has grown considerably. We look forward to 2023 and continuing to support local people.

We currently have builders reconfiguring our ground floor to ensure we have an additional dedicated safe space to deliver our programmes in the new year.



SPOTLIGHT

Each month, the staff team are asked to select their Employee of the Month. This month Megan was the winner.

Megan was chosen as staff have appreciated the amazing level of support she has been able to provide to everyone since starting with the charity.



The current Caring Dad's 17-week course came to an end this month. Those who completed are pictured after their last session under our White Ribbon, with facilitators Jenny and Sue.

Well done to those who finished the programme and we wish you the best of luck in the future as you take your learning forward.



Amber, our Domestic Abuse Project Worker attended the Darnhill Winter Wonderland Festival. Thank you to our lovely volunteers who helped out with our stall and helped spread awareness of RCT and the work we do.

Also a big well done to Darnhill Youth Group for raising £57.50 with a Lucky Dip!!



Our Haven Group got in the festive spirit and helped decorate the RCT Christmas Tree.

Thanks to Emma C and Emma M who are seen here assembling the tree.

During the session attendees also helped wrap Christmas gifts for our Children and Young People ready for the Christmas party at the end of the month.



On Sunday 4th December Jennie and Bev attended the fantastic BASA Awards Ceremony, joined by Heywood colleagues Jenny Kennedy and Councillor Angela Brown. We are thrilled to announce that collectively they were awarded the Outstanding Community Partnership Award 2022 for the collaborative work of RCT and Restoring Hope on the Darnhill Estate in Heywood.



Our Phoenix Group had their Christmas Party in Darnhill Library.

It was lovely to have some time together to celebrate. The women & our youngest member 'Baby Phoenix' enjoyed a fun few hours of celebrations.



Thank you to our little Christmas elves that came in and helped the team wrap around 100 presents for our children and young people.

Vicki, Emma and Sue were fantastic!

Thank you to all of our donators who have helped us by donating to us over the last 12 months so we can provide gifts for everyone we work with.

A special thanks to Hits Radio and Cash4Kids who provided us with over £4000 worth of presents.



Maggie commenced delivery of our new new Welfare Programme 'Breakfast Club'. Participants are invited in on a Friday morning for a drop in session to enjoy a breakfast butty and a chat about how their week has been.

The whole office smells incredible and Maggie's bacon baps have had brilliant reviews!



On Wednesday 14th December, the team congregated on our top floor to celebrate Christmas with a Jacob's Join. The team swapped Secret Santa gifts and shared lots of laughs.

The work we do here at RCT can be challenging and coming together to have some fun is essential for the team. It's great to have some fun together.



On the Thursday 22nd we had our annual family Christmas Party. We had a record 73 people attend, which we couldn't be more pleased about. We provided a small buffet of pies, pastries, chip and dip as well as lots of chocolate! There were amazing games with prizes. Here you can see everyone getting ready for musical statues.

Thank you so much to everyone who attended and made it such a special event and thank you to all staff who organised, wrapped presents, decorated the room, served the food and cleaned up afterwards. The party wouldn't have been possible without you all. Finally, a special thanks to Santa and Mrs Claus who provided all the gifts to the children!



In December's 'Lunchtime Learning' session, the team came together to gain more knowledge and information of our new Welfare Programme. We discussed mental health, engagement and how we can adapt and be trauma informed.



Teamwork is always being used in the RCT building; Hannah, our Youth Development Worker, gave a helping hand to Sam, one of our Best Life facilitators, to draw a 'body map' to use in a session with some of our Young People in schools.

Body maps are used to help recognise emotions and encourage young people to explore what they feel like and how to process and cope with their feelings.