

Stef&Philips
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Impact Report 2024



Welcome

We launched in November 2023 with a mission to improve the lives and well-being of individuals and families living in temporary and emergency accommodation. As we look back on our first year, we're incredibly proud of the support we have awarded to those frequently facing incomprehensible circumstances, burdened with worry, and often alone.

Since our grant programmes began, we have been inundated with applications, demonstrating the enormous scale of need.

The homeless landscape in London is escalating to record levels, with individuals and families being pushed into uncertain and unstable housing options due to the cost of living crisis, record high rental pricing and lack of affordable homes.

Our programmes, within their first year alone, have supported applicants from every London borough. We see beneficiaries challenged further by mental health conditions; disability; leaving care; addiction; modern slavery; human trafficking; domestic abuse and sexual violence; solo parenting; and asylum seeking.

Looking ahead, we remain steadfast in our commitment to support those without a safe and secure home, aspire and thrive. None of this would be possible without your valued contributions and support. It's your generosity and goodwill that is having a direct impact on these lives and we cannot thank you enough.

Philip Philippou

Founder and Trustee of The Stef & Philips Foundation

Who we are

The Stef & Philips Foundation was established in November 2023 by Stef & Philips Ltd to provide critical funding to those residing in temporary and emergency accommodation across London.

Through our grant funding, our mission is to provide dedicated support and essential resources to individuals and families, challenged by homelessness. From the simplest of household items, to education, training courses and community initiatives, we want our funding to give stability, hope and opportunity for a brighter future. We aim to:



Enrich lives
& wellbeing



Enhance home
& family life



Support mental
& physical health



Improve
community
facilities



Advance skills
& capabilities



Further social
welfare & inclusion



Our Vision:

A brighter future
for individuals
and families living
in temporary
and emergency
accommodation.

Why it matters

In England alone, over 350,000 households, including 150,000 children, are homeless. This is an annual increase of 16.3%, a record high.

Individuals and families are living without basic necessities, while communities lack facilities that improve health and education.

These deficiencies are impacting people's mental and physical well-being, whilst limiting their potential.

350k | Homeless households

150k | Homeless children

16.3% | record high increase in the last 12 months

“Living without a permanent place to call home can be a terrifying experience. Through the Foundation and your generous support, we can bring much needed hope and support to adults and children facing homelessness.”

Kathryn Giblin, Trustee



How we help

The Stef & Philips Foundation provides support to families and individuals residing in emergency and temporary accommodation through Project and Individual grant funding. Both programmes create opportunities and provide support for people in desperate need.

Our Project Grants support a range of purposes, including education and training courses; community initiatives promoting advice and guidance; development of communities; wellbeing initiatives such as playgrounds and libraries; mentoring provision; or food and baby bank essential provision.

Our Individual Grants provide personal critical support which can take the form of essential household and family equipment such as bedding sets; clothing or baby bottle warmers; or courses which provide opportunity to further skills and training.

100% of all donations go directly towards our grants, thanks to the generosity of Stef & Philips Ltd who cover all our running costs.



Our Funding to date

12

Project Grants

142

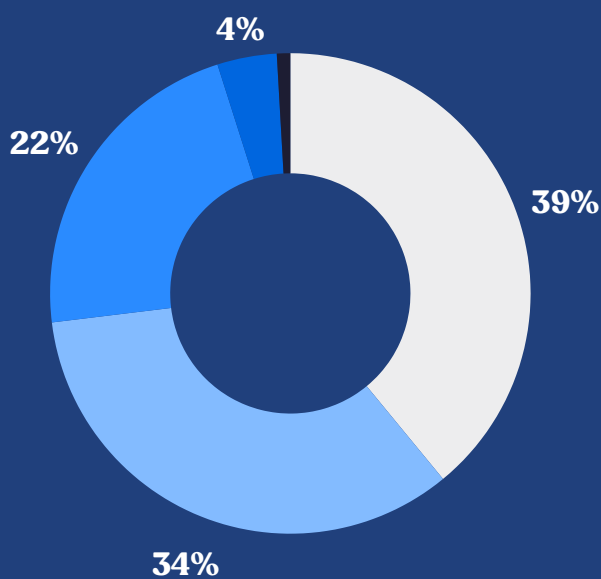
Individual Grants

32

London Boroughs

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Funding Rounds



● East London ● North London
● South London ● West London



Our Funding picture

Homelessness is a complex issue, resulting from a wide range of factors.

- 1 in 7 single parent household renting privately are facing homelessness within weeks. The **Single Homeless Project** charity found that 1 in 38 lone mothers in England are homeless.
- Research from **Refuge** has shown that 40% of homeless women said that domestic abuse was a contributory factor to their homelessness.
- According to **Mental Health Foundation**, a staggering 80% of people experiencing homelessness report mental health problems. 26% of homeless individuals in the UK cite their mental health problems as a main reason of being homeless.
- According to **Government data**, between 2018 and 2022 in England, households accepted as homeless because of a physical illness or a disability increased by 73%.
- **Hestia** reports that nearly 1 in 10 rough sleepers in London are victims of modern slavery.
- The number of care leavers aged 18-20 experiencing homelessness has increased by **54%** over the past five years. According to **Home for Good**, care leavers make up **25%** of the adult homeless population.
- The **Homeless Link** charity estimated that 24% of the youth homeless population in the UK identify as LGBTQIA+.

Our Funding to date

The beneficiaries we support face a number of challenges, furthering their vulnerability. Below is a breakdown of the circumstances our beneficiaries have experienced so far.

Primary beneficiary focus	Percentage
Single parent households	33%
Children & young people	24%
Mental health conditions	20%
Domestic abuse & sexual violence	10%
Refugees & asylum seekers	6%
Mobility issues & disabilities	2%
Modern slavery & human trafficking	2%
Care Leavers	2%
LGBTQIA+	1%

Project Grants

Available to organisations supporting residents of temporary and emergency accommodation across the London boroughs (including charitable organisations and housing associations), our project grants look to promote social inclusion and welfare. To date, our Project Grants have supported projects in 8 London boroughs.

Charity name	Location	Beneficiary focus	Grant overview
Give Youth a Break	Barnet	Children & young people	Give Youth a Break is a charity focused on social inclusion and welfare, providing educational and recreational activities for disadvantaged youth in North London through after-school clubs. Our funding allowed them to offer hot meals to families attending the club provision, aimed at those living in emergency and temporary accommodation.
Art4Space	Lambeth	Children & young people	Our funding has delivered art therapy sessions for displaced children living in temporary accommodation, attending Glenbrook Primary School in Lambeth. Glenbrook has the highest Pupil Premium percentage (70.4%) living in emergency housing.

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MammaKind	Lewisham	Children & young people	Our funding enabled baby bank, MammaKind, to purchase items they have a significant demand for, but do not receive through donations.
Happy Healthy Trust	Hackney	Children & young people	We have provided support to Happy Healthy Trust who run breakfast clubs for disadvantaged children across Hackney. These clubs address critical need identified among vulnerable families struggling below the poverty line, living in temporary housing.
The Magpie Project	Newham	Children & young people	The Magpie Project supports women and children under 5 who are living in temporary or insecure accommodation in Newham and surrounding London boroughs. Our funding has created a crisis fund to be offered to parents and children supported by this charity, so essential items can be purchased.

Project Grants

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Alternative Trust East London	Newham	Children & young people	Alternative Trust East London provides support to pregnant women and mothers of young children in the context of mental health in Newham. Around 80-90% of the women they support do not have legal status in the UK, have experienced abuse, and are homeless (living in temporary accommodation or sofa-surfing). Nearly all are single parents. Our funding supports the baby bank provision offered, specifically focused on parents residing in emergency and temporary accommodation.
Man & Boy	Kingston upon Thames	Children & young people	Man & Boy provides community inclusion activities and mentoring support for families monitored under a Child in Need Plan. Our funding has supported mentoring provision for families in emergency and temporary accommodation.

Project Grants

Charity name	Location	Beneficiary focus	Grant overview
Pakeman Primary School PTA	Islington	Children & young people	Pakeman Primary School sits in one of the 10% most deprived neighbourhoods within London, with over 50% of children in receipt of Pupil Premium (twice the national average). The school estimate that approximately 50% of their families live in temporary or emergency accommodation. Our funding has provided a crisis fund for the families and children residing in emergency and temporary accommodation.
Employment 4 All CIC	Lambeth	General homelessness	Employment 4 All is devoted to combating the social exclusion faced by homeless people by giving them bespoke wrap around support, to gain the confidence, skills and training required to gain employment, inclusion, independence and to turn their lives around. We have provided funding to offer crisis support to provide assistance for basic necessities such as household, care and personal hygiene products.

Project Grants

Charity name	Location	Beneficiary focus	Grant overview
Ella's Home	Tower Hamlets	Modern slavery & trafficking	<p>Ella's Home works with and supports highly traumatised and marginalised women survivors of trafficking, abuse and exploitation, all residing in emergency and temporary accommodation. 70% of those women have experienced multiple forms of abuse including domestic abuse, many from a young age. Many do not speak English and have had limited or no formal education. Their needs are complex and they face significant barriers to accessing the support they need. Our support has provided funding for a crisis fund - a lifeline to the women under the care of Ella's Home, enabling them to buy essentials for themselves and their children, deal with unexpected costs or bills and help with their financial difficulties in the short term.</p>

Project Grants

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Migrant Advocacy Service	Kingston upon Thames	Refugees & asylum seekers	Migrant Advocacy Service offer holistic support for migrant and resident communities in the form of advice and guidance as well as community outreach. Our funding has provided community kitchen facilities to serve lunch for the communities supported by this charity in Kingston Upon Thames.
Lewisham Donation Hub	Lewisham	Single parent households	Lewisham Donation Hub is a one-stop-shop for people in need. Diverting waste from landfill, they reuse or refurbish items for reuse and give them away for free to those in need. Our support has provided crisis items for families residing in emergency and temporary accomodation.

The lives we've touched

“The grant has enabled us to directly address food insecurity and support the overall physical, emotional, and social well-being of those living in temporary accommodation. This service is a vital lifeline for many who are in vulnerable situations, helping them move forward with dignity, strength, and hope. Many of those we support don't have the opportunity to share mealtimes with their children – with this grant, families will be able to enjoy a hot meal together.”

Give Youth a Break

“Thanks to your support, we offered creative activities to encourage artistic expression among children and families. Through mosaic art, they could explore their emotions, develop artistic skills, and build confidence in a safe and supportive environment. Our workshops provided a platform for families to connect with each other and the school community, creating a sense of belonging.”

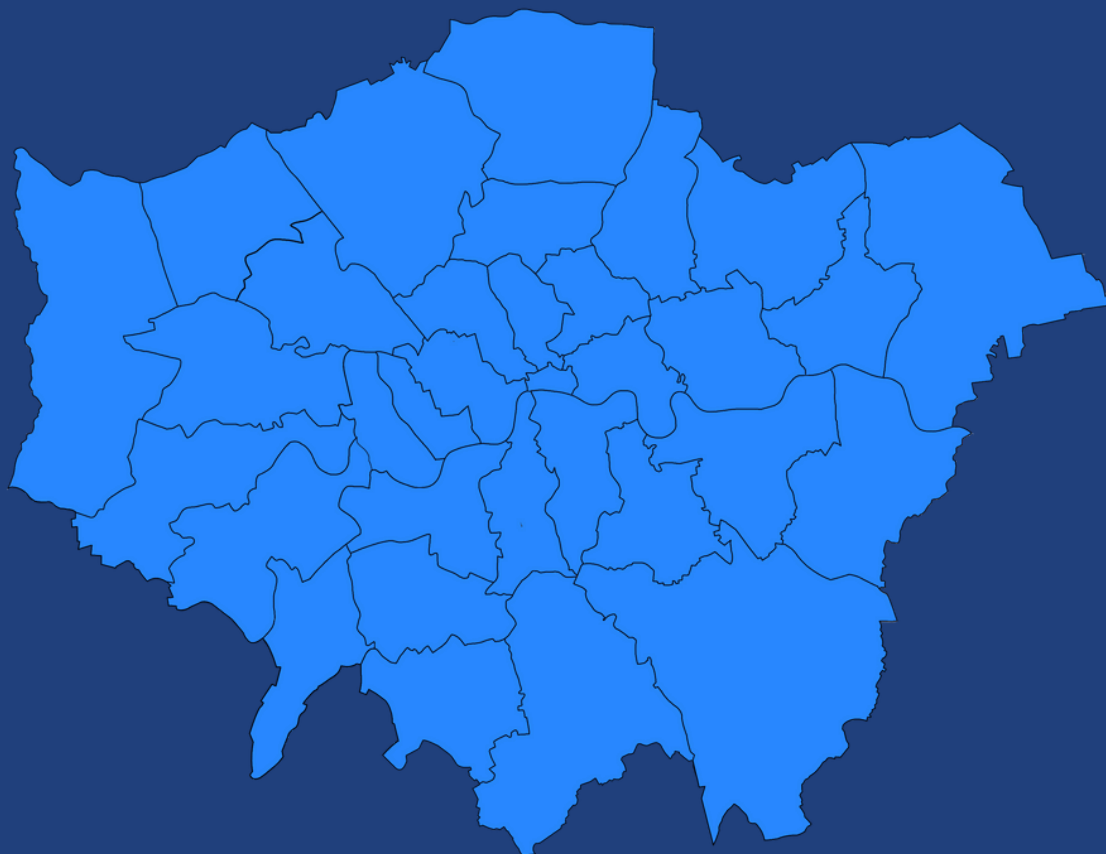
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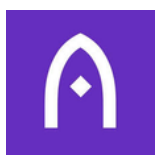
Individual Grants

Our Individual grants are designed to create a direct impact for those residing in temporary or emergency accommodation within the London boroughs. Applications must be submitted by a safeguarding referee who can confirm the beneficiary's circumstances and how our award can provide support – for example, this can be a housing officer, legal associate, social and outreach professional or a school safeguarding lead.

To date, our Individual Grants have supported individuals and families in 32 London boroughs.



Referee organisations we've worked with



The lives we've touched

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She was really grateful to have received this funding. It has been a difficult time for her and her child, after uprooting from their home in Aberdeen. They were able to collect all their belongings from there and resettle in their new home in London.”

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They have been able to purchase what they previously could not afford for their children: clothing. Both to keep them warm and to give them something new that they have had the agency to choose themselves.”

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Getting a bed improved my life. I'm sleeping comfortably now and I feel less stressed. Without the grant I would have had to save up to get a bed, and that would have meant missing meals or cutting other things out.”

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This was a great boost to the whole family with the parents' concern of lack of fresh food in their children's diet. Also the task of going shopping and choosing foods was normalising in a stressful time for the family.”

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The money were used to buy clothing for his 3 children and take them out for a meal. They would not normally be able to afford a meal out, so this was special and exciting for them.”

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He has a medical issue and he used the funds to travel to appointments, buy medications that reduce his symptoms and get some nutritious food. He was very grateful, it made a huge difference to his life.”



Thank you!

This winter, 4,500 people in London will be sleeping 'rough'. Homelessness across our capital has risen by 33% since last year, and the rate in which families are pushed into temporary and emergency accommodation is at a record high due to the cost of living, spiraling rental prices and Section 21 'no fault' evictions.

It is incredibly difficult to comprehend the harsh realities so many people and families are facing right now. We can't imagine the fear and strain of living in a space you know isn't long-term, or living as a family in one room, often without adequate furniture. Most of us will not know the heartbreak of not having a bed for our children to sleep in, or the worry of how to keep warm this winter.

This is true of so many of our beneficiaries, often facing empty cupboards, sharing mattresses, cold, scared and exhausted with stress.

"Home is where the heart is" remains central to all we at the Foundation, and our founders at Stef & Philips Ltd, do. We understand a safe and secure home is foundational to everyone's mental and physical well-being, without which, people cannot aspire and thrive.

As we reflect on 2024, we are incredibly proud of the impact we've made, and we remain committed to offering support to those in need in the coming years. We are deeply grateful to you for your generous contributions throughout our first year. Your support has made a world of difference, and we can't thank you enough.

If you are able to, we would welcome any support you may be able to give to the Foundation – 100% of donations are directed to our grant programmes. Please donate [here](#).

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Alexandra Taliadoros". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends across the width of the name.

Director of The Stef & Philips Foundation

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