

# Newsletter – Recruitment Special

May 2008

## It's all systems go!

Recruitment is now underway for phase one of the Street Angels programme. We're looking for volunteer Street Angels and for a part time paid Street Angels Coordinator.

We are able to do this because of the great support we have from the Police and Borough Council and because over £20,000 has been raised so far.

## We need a Coordinator...

The Coordinator's 3 day a week role will be to work closely with the Police and other partners to organise the recruitment, checking, training, deployment and ongoing support of Street Angel volunteers. He or she will work from home and in Guildford town centre. The Coordinator will:

- be in sympathy with the Christian ethos of Street Angels and share our values of selflessness and being non-judgmental, integrity, honesty, professionalism, collaboration and excellence;
- be organised, efficient and IT literate;
- have experience of managing volunteers; and
- be a good communicator.

A salary of £12,000 pa is on offer.

If you are interested, or know someone else who might be, please contact Julian Lomas for an application pack on 07802 957938 or

[almondtreeconsulting@ntlworld.com](mailto:almondtreeconsulting@ntlworld.com).

The closing date for applications is 6 June 2008.

## ...and we need Street Angels

We are looking for volunteers to work as Street Angels on Friday nights. Street Angels are adult volunteers who care for and provide practical support to the people who use the night clubs and other leisure and entertainment venues in Guildford town centre.

Our aim is that on each Friday night there will be 12-16 Street Angels in teams of 4, providing on-street care and support for anyone in need during the hours the bars and clubs open (up to around 4 am). Street Angels will patrol on foot and have direct contact by radio with each other, the team base, CCTV and the Police.

Street Angels will need to commit to between 3 and 5 initial training sessions and volunteer for 1 or 2 Fridays per month. They will also receive ongoing training to support them in their role. Training will cover a wide range of issues and skills, including personal safety, listening skills, cultural awareness, understanding our town, drugs and alcohol awareness, child protection and working with the emergency services. All volunteers will be checked through the Criminal Record Bureau.

If you are interested in becoming a Street Angel, or know some else who

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might be, please contact Julian for an application pack on 07802 957938 or [almondtreeconsulting@ntlworld.com](mailto:almondtreeconsulting@ntlworld.com). Applications for this first phase need to be submitted before the end of June.

### Calling all church leaders

If you are a church leader we would be really grateful if you could:

- Highlight these opportunities in your services over the next few weeks.
- Include the work of the Town Centre Chaplaincy and Street Angels, in intercessions, prayer diaries and other prayer groups.
- Display posters in appropriate places in your church.
- Bring these opportunities and the work of the Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy to the attention of any networks or individuals you know who might be interested.

And, while a good start has been made with fundraising, much more is needed to enable future phases of the work to commence and to ensure it is sustainable in the long term. If your church hasn't already made a financial commitment to this work please could you consider prayerfully the following possible ways to do so:

- Making a regular contribution from your church's mission and ministry budget.
- Taking up one or more special offerings each year.

- "Sponsoring" one or more Street Angel volunteers from your congregation. It costs around £250 to recruit, train and equip each Street Angel.

If you need posters or more information, please contact Julian on 07717 876853 or [almondtreeconsulting@ntlworld.com](mailto:almondtreeconsulting@ntlworld.com). Julian or one of the Trustees would be delighted to come to your church to speak about this work if you would find that helpful.

### Prayer requests

Please continue to pray for this important ministry in our town. The key prayer needs right now are:

- Praise God for His grace in bringing this work to this exciting stage so quickly; in particular, for those who have committed funding and for the support of the Police and the Borough Council.
- That we will find the right person to be the Street Angels Coordinator.
- That volunteers will come forward from a wide range of ages, backgrounds and churches.
- That the Christian Community in Guildford will continue to show its generosity in pledging further funding.
- For wisdom and discernment for Julian and the Steering Group as they develop these projects further with partners.