

### Annual Report on our Subsidised Holidays Ministry in 2011

Since 1996 the Jonas Centre has provided a place of tranquillity where individuals, families and groups can get away from the strains and stresses of everyday life.

In 2004 we began accepting applications for subsidised holidays from churches, groups and organisations who knew of families in crisis or facing hardship, anticipating or experiencing bereavement, or needing a break from caring roles.

Over the last seven years we have provided around 600 subsidised holidays to 1400 adults and 1000 children many of whom have never had a holiday before, liaising with the following organisations.

Christians Against Poverty	The Prince's Trust	MIND
St Gemma's Hospice, Leeds	North Yorkshire Council	Tees, Esk & Wear NHS Trust
Middlesbrough Council	MENCAP	Homestart

### **In 2011 subsidised holidays have been provided to.....**

The terminally ill	Those diagnosed with Alzheimer's
The bereaved	Those facing bankruptcy
Youth from inner cities	The disabled (mentally & physically)
Referrals from Social Services	Those suffering from depression
Single parents & vulnerable adults	Those suffering from mental illness
Victims of domestic violence	Children with special educational needs
Ex-Offenders	Those struggling with addiction
Refugees	Asylum Seekers

Despite the economic climate, 2011 was a busy year in terms of all round occupancy and the provision of subsidised breaks. We were able to provide around 600 adults and children with a break at the Jonas Centre.

It was only as a result of generous donations, that we were able to provide these breaks along with meeting our normal day to day expenditure. A real testament to God's support and provision for the work we are doing here in Wensleydale.

### The future

Can I encourage you to help us build on our previous successes by referring any families or groups you may know going through particularly difficult circumstances?

Alternatively any financial support would be greatly appreciated to replenish our subsidy fund which last year amounted to around £8,500.

Details of how you might become involved in this ministry by referring families and groups to the Jonas Centre are available on request.

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