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Dear St Edward's and the entire Teddies Community,

Throughout 2022 you kindly chose Asylum Welcome as your charity of the year – and wow what a year it has been!

Over the last 12 months you all at St Edward's have raised close to £30,000 in support of refugees which is truly incredible! We are in awe of the unparalleled generosity that everyone in the Teddies community has shown us, not just in donations but in supporting us in so many other ways also.

From the overwhelmingly successful steeplechase to helping out with gift vouchers and other such endeavours, you have been an invaluable bedrock of support. This last year has brought with it many ups and downs for Asylum Welcome. But St Edward's sits firmly in the highlights of our 2022. Not only have you shown incredible generosity in your fundraising efforts, but you have also become a tremendous ally to refugees and asylum seekers in Oxfordshire, and we have seen you wholeheartedly adopt the Asylum Welcome ethos of treating everyone with love, kindness, and dignity.

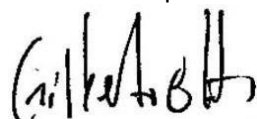
Your incredible donations have helped us throughout 2022 to achieve so much. Continuing to welcome new arrivals every month, we have been able to respond to the growing demand for our services, developing our support and assistance and improving the work we do to ensure that every client, both old and new, receives the most comprehensive support possible.

- We were able to maintain intensive support and care for 3,000+ clients.
- Your donation helped to ensure that our weekly food bank was well replenished – helping more than 80+ families and 180+ individuals.
- Your contributions enabled us to ensure our weekly youth club Venda had all the relevant resources needed for our young people to have a safe space, a sense of community and opportunities to go on trips such as to Bournemouth beach and so on.
- With your huge contribution, we were able to utilise much of your donation to continue developing our services, including our popular Football Programme, to plan for the future and making sure we had the resources at hand to fully cater to many new arrivals on short notice.

To everyone in the St Edward's community – I hope you know just how unbelievable of an impact you have made not only on our clients, but also on all the staff at AW. Thank you will never be enough to express the deep gratitude everyone at Asylum Welcome has for your continued partnership and support throughout 2022.

We hope 2023 is another equally successful and fulfilling year for you all. Although we will no longer be your charity of the year, we will always hold this partnership close to our hearts and look forward very much to continuing working together and seeing everything St Edward's will continue to achieve!

With the deepest of thanks and very best wishes,



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