



### **The Hygiene Bank-Square Mile**

The Hygiene Bank's aim is to alleviate hygiene poverty by encouraging donations of hygiene products and then passing these on to schools and front-line charities/agencies dealing with vulnerable people. Fr Nick is the coordinator for **The Hygiene Bank-Square Mile** which has collected and distributed 2,000kilos of donations since starting 16 months ago, donating all these to 5 front line partners (see impact slide). In the last month that number of partners has increased to 11 including 5 schools, and The Hygiene Bank-Square Mile is getting more requests for support too. The number of vulnerable adults and children they are being asked to support by these partners, has seen an increase from 600 to almost 2,800 in a month.

The impact of this increase in the number of partners means that next year even for this level of partners, they will need closer to 15,000kilos of essential hygiene product compared to 2,000kilos which they will try their best to source and deliver, encouraging the generosity of all in the City.

However, there is an immediate need to try and at least get a small bag of essential hygiene products to as many of these families living in hygiene poverty as possible for Christmas. Fr Nick sourced 250 tote bags of essential hygiene products this week which have already been delivered and his aim is to get a bag to everyone, so that's another 2,550 needed.

#### **How can you help?**

When we all get back to our offices, it would be great to get product collections going again but for now The Hygiene Bank-Square Mile is asking for financial donations to buy products. These bags of essential hygiene products cost £15 each, and every penny given goes to buy products, no deductions all. Donations of any size are appreciated, even one bar of soap is the gift of dignity to someone.

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Thank you.