

# 2005 Annual Report



Adoption Services • Family Support • Training
Child Protection Consultancy
Emotional Support to Children and Young People

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# Family Care supports families to provide stability for children. We:

- Offer practical and emotional support to children and their families in a range of situations
- Provide a comprehensive adoption service, including family finding and adoption support
- Work with the clergy and congregations in the Church of England and Catholic dioceses to promote and protect the interests of children and families

We work in the City of Nottingham and across the County of Nottinghamshire, and are committed to promoting equal opportunities in our recruitment, employment and service delivery.

### **Our Values:**

- Everyone should be treated with equal respect
- Children's welfare is our first consideration
- Parents have important roles and responsibilities in their children's lives
- The experience of family life is crucial to the well being of children and their positive development
- Family Care's foundations are in the Christian faith and we work with people of any faith or no faith

### **Bishop's Foreword**

am pleased once again to write a Foreword to the Annual Report of Family Care's activities in the past year. 2005 was the 120th Anniversary year of Family Care's operations and, as this report shows, its activities have continued unabated and are highly valued as a Christian support to families and young people.

We live in a time of radical change in the provision of children's services as the statutory agencies, Health, Social Services and Education in both the City and the County reconfigure their services into one organisation for children's work. It is all the more encouraging that the Church, through Family Care, continues to provide both continuity and a shining example of Christian values in our increasingly secular society.

It gives me great pleasure to commend this Annual Report and congratulate all those who have contributed to another successful year.

THE RIGHT REVEREND GEORGE CASSIDY,

BISHOP OF SOUTHWELL AND NOTTINGHAM

### **Chairman's Report**

2005 was a year of thanksgiving and celebration for Family Care as it has marked 120 years of its work. In addition to the regular business meetings, the Trustees have been able to share in the wide range of events that have been held to recognise this milestone. This enabled the Trustees to meet with many of those who have contributed so generously to the special appeal to mark the 120th Anniversary as well as to enjoy the social events around the County.

The demand across the whole range of services continues to grow and these can only be sustained by the continued financial support from the friends of Family Care both individuals and parishes. Our sincere thanks to all those who have continued to support our work.

The Trustees and I wish to record our thanks to Director Muriel Weisz and the staff for their work during what has been a very busy year.

I offer my personal thanks to my fellow Trustees for their dedication and continued commitment to Family Care.

GRENVILLE GIBSON



### **Director's Report**

• Je are going through a period of unprecedented change in the way that services to children are organised and delivered in England. The Children's Act of 2004 prepares for the integration of children's services via increased partnership working and the much wider vision of how communities can safeguard children. This, along with the implementation of the Adoption Act (referred to later in this report) makes for radical change.

As a local, voluntary sector social work agency, Family Care's future developments are all affected by these changes. More importantly our experience equips us well to contribute significantly to all the expectations of the new agenda, which includes:

- early unstigmatising support for parents
- high quality support for adoptive families and birth parents
- creative and child-centred approaches to intervention
- understanding of the opportunities of extended services in
- safeguarding children and vulnerable adults

The management team has been strengthened during 2005 by the appointment of Jackie Worthington as Support Services Manager, bringing considerable experience of managing change at ChildLine and also by the Trustees' decision to make the Children and Families Team Manager's post a permanent one, providing more security to the development work of Beatrice Jackson and the team.

I am continually grateful for the many creative ways in which staff grasp the challenges and opportunities of the present situation and support one another in delivering such effective services. I'm sure that this will stand us in good stead for the challenges ahead.

MURIEL WEISZ

### "Every Child Matters"

The Commission for Social Care (CSCI) inspected Family Care's Adoption Services in July 2005. Their positive approval is a requirement for our right to practice. In the event, their overall comments were very positive.

A judgement of CSCI was that "The agency has a clear, lifelong commitment to all parties involved in the adoption process, which enables children and young people to develop a positive sense of their heritage and identity."

The full report is available from Family Care or directly from CSCI, www.csci.org.uk

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Chair:	Grenville Gibson					
	Christine Bowering					
Treasurer:	Michael Headland					
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	Carol Pepper					
	(resigned Sept 2005)					
	David McCoulough					
	Eleri Burden					
	Elizabeth Hawtin					
	Jacky Moulton					
	Malcolm Whitt					
	Pat Higham					
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### **Geographical Source** of Agency Referrals

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Ashfield
Bassetlaw
Broxtowe
Gedling
Mansfield27
Newark and Sherwood25
Nottingham City
Out of County
Rushcliffe

84% were from White European families

Total referrals ......468

16% were from Asian, African and **Afro-Caribbean families** 

### Feedback About Our Service

### Feedback From Parents

- "He has gone back to the happy little boy he always was before and looks forward to seeing Angela [Children's Practitioner]."
- "She is better able to think about and talk about her feelings and needs without getting so angry. Her confidence is showing socially and at school."

### Feedback From Time 4U Children

- "Don't be worried, it's a good thing to go."
- "Having fun and talking to people about my life."

### School Feedback re: Time 4U

"absolutely delighted with the service."

### **Nottingham City Council**

"Members of staff demonstrated extremely high levels of knowledge about the experience children may have as a result of living with or leaving domestic abuse, and a thorough understanding of the needs children may have as a result." (Independent study commissioned by Nottingham City Council)

### Children and Families Team, Emotional Support

 $2005\,\mathrm{mm}$  was a busy, creative and challenging time for the Children our aim to help children through difficult times, via our emotional support programme, Time 4U.

An exciting and welcome development is that in 2005 we entered into a contract with the family of schools in Calverton to provide emotional support to children in school, affected by family changes. Following successful work in the school by children's practitioner Angela Cheadle, this contract has now been renewed for 2006/7.

**Bereavement** emotional support has also rapidly expanded. This includes memory work, anger work, dealing with the physical symptoms of trauma, supporting court attendance, and self esteem work. Referrals are typically where the death has been sudden and unexpected, so families are not already linked into support networks. We are liasing closely with other agencies and colleagues about the need for a dedicated Nottingham children's bereavement service and chair a group of agencies called the Umbrella Group with this aim.

**Domestic violence** referrals typically come from the women's refuges in Nottingham, where workers identify the distress and emotional needs of the children. Emotional support has focused on raising self-esteem and looking with older children at safety planning – for example, who can they ring in an emergency and where can they go?

Key issues in our work around **separation and divorce** include loss, divided loyalties, contact arrangements, negotiating new blended families, and a sense of being marginalised. This side of our work is respected and still meets a significant need for children who can become lost amidst a difficult separation.



# Children and Families Team, Family Support

In **2005**, this area of work matured. The work highlighted the following:

- The importance of preventative work
- The need for skilled and experienced workers, able to view a family holistically, and to 'stick' with a family (i.e. not having to refer on)
- Our ability to be flexible, and able to offer a mix of therapeutic, focused support (for example on parenting), together with practical support (for example finding clothes and toys for families fleeing domestic violence), to organising social events (for example the Teddy Bear's Picnic which we held this summer).



We gained an additional Family Support worker in 2005, giving us a choice of workers to allocate to families and enabling us able to match skills and experience more effectively. We also found new enthusiasm for creating partnerships, such as holding 'drop-in' surgeries at local health centres and providing drop-ins at a local school for parents.

Closer links have developed in 2005 between emotional support and family support. This may be support to a

parent who is fleeing domestic violence, or to a parent still grieving over the death of their partner. This support has reinforced the work with the child, and helped the parent gain confidence in parenting techniques, and finding ways of carrying forward the therapeutic work.

Other *partnerships* in the year include strengthening our link with Child Victims of Crime (who support our work where children are victims of crime, such as witnessing domestic violence) and obtaining a further grant from the Home Office, to provide specialist support to victims of gun and knife crime within Nottingham city.

**Other achievements** in the year include running a Teddy Bears' Picnic in the summer, and a Christmas party in December for children who had accessed the service, to help maintain a social involvement and an accessible link to the agency.

Our Christmas toys campaign reached 1,900 children and young people in 2005. This is by far the largest number of children we have ever helped. The toys went to children living in Women's Refuges, in homeless accommodation and in other vulnerable circumstances.

### How Time 4U Helps Children

Feedback on attendees shows:

86% reported an improvement in participants' mood

86% reported increased interaction with others

71% reported a positive change in attitude and confidence

100% of participants said they found the sessions helpful and would recommend them to friends.

ork in 2005 included supporting an isolated 13year old whose mother had severe mental health difficulties. By regular meetings our worker Oksana built relationships with the family when other statutory agencies had been unsuccessful. Oksana remains the only person regularly allowed into the family home. This nurturing of relationships has prevented serious consequences that previously seemed inevitable, such as the sectioning of the mother under the Mental Health Act, and the accommodation of the son in Local Authority Care

### Children and Families Referrals 2005

Total referrals21	9
Family Support8	3
Emotional Support	6

# Adoption Statistics 2005

113 enquiries from prospective adopters

10 Adoption assessments undertaken

**32** children placed for adoption in 18 families\*

**38** children supported in 23 adopted families

11 Adoption Orders made

**66** new referrals for adoption support services from adopted adults, birth family members and adoptive families

\*ages ranged from ten months to seven years old. 75% of the children matched were placed together with brothers and/or sisters.

### **Adoption Services**

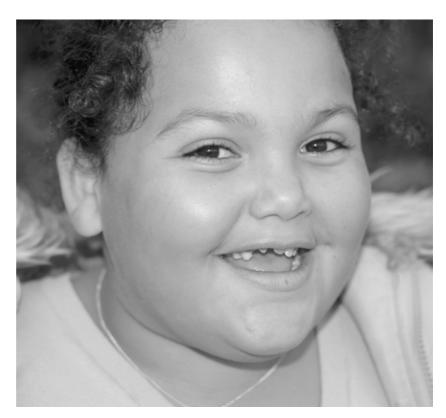
Our 2005 anniversary celebrations were reflected in a memorable year for Family Care's adoption services with challenges, developments, interesting work, and the real privilege of involvement with all our service users.

The adoption social work team in 2005 consisted of five social workers (four-and-a-half full time equivalent), a part time outreach/publicity worker and Manager. Team members were active throughout the year undertaking skilled assessments and provision of services.

It was a **record year for adoption placements**, the highest number since 1982. All the children, ranging in age from ten months to seven years, had been looked after in Local Authority care and had previous histories of abuse, neglect, physical and learning disabilities and major attachment problems. The Adoption Panel met regularly and members continued to demonstrate their commitment, skills and integrity in making their recommendations. Weekend and evening groups for assessment and support were organised by workers throughout the year.

In the area of *adoption support*, the team received many new referrals. These came from adopted adults, birth family members and adoptive families who were involved in adoptions made through Family Care over the many years past since the first adoption legislation in 1926. These service users were mainly exploring their histories, seeking access to information, using support in their personal emotional journeys, and finding other members of their birth or adoptive families. Intensive social work and therapeutic interventions were also undertaken with those whose adoptions were completed in more recent years, and where children's early emotional damage impacts hugely on day-to-day family life.

We continue to work in *partnership* with Nottingham City Social Services to provide a support and counselling service for birth family members whose children have an adoption plan. Though numbers referred are lower than anticipated, the effect and impact can be very positive with knock on benefits for current and future children.



### **Adoption Services**

In July 2005 we received an inspection by the Commission for Social Care, and gained our continued approval, with overall positive comments. We are extending our status as a Voluntary Adoption Agency to include the provision of Adoption Support Services. This is work we were already undertaking with our service users offering counselling, support, intermediary and reunion services to those who were involved in Family Care adoptions.

The agency holds thousands of personal adoption records. 2005 saw the beginning of planned developmental work in improving *access, storage and preservation* of these precious documents, with electronic scanning and storage. We will be seeking funding to support this, in addition to direct service provision.

Autumn 2005 also saw the start of a long planned **research** project by Nottingham Trent University, in conjunction with Family Care, looking at the changing social context of adoption for birth mothers.



On the eve National Adoption Week, Family Care launched the book "Precious Steps", thanks to the generosity of some adoptive families who during assessment process and were willing to share their personal experiences.

The book has been widely and well received, and is available at £5 per copy from Family Care. Other exciting developments include the after schools art project designed to use children's creative ideas about family in different media to

promote awareness and to encourage recruitment of adoptive families.

The year concluded with the *implementation of the Adoption and Children Act 2002*, the first adoption focussed law in the last thirty years. With aims to improve services and practice for children and all service users in adoption, its impact is huge and its arrival historic – a bit like Family Care's 120th anniversary year!

"I would like to share my story with you as a means of thanking you for the valuable work you do, and in the hope you will continue for many more years. It's a story spanning about fifty years."

"We have valued your skills and professionalism but more importantly for us is your unfailing support."

"I would advise anyone following in my footsteps to do that (use Family Care as an intermediary) as no matter how happy the reunion may be, there is a volcano of emotions waiting to be released and the people involved all need your professional help."

"This (*Precious Steps*) has been an excellent resource for me and all of my colleagues."

### **Child Protection**

"Show me how I matter" is the title of a Government series published in 2005 aimed at improving services to children and young people. Part of all the changes has been to change the notion of Child Protection, which focussed on basic protection from harm, to Safeguarding Children; ensuring that their whole needs are assessed and cared for.

The contracts Family Care has been granted, from the Anglican and Catholic churches locally and from the Nottinghamshire **Community Foundation, have all** been valued for their partnership focus and for the way in which both the training and casework has kept the child at the centre of our concerns. As you will see from the reports, 2005 has seen this area of our work consolidated and strengthened. **Deirdre Offord has led the work** with the Anglican Church in the County since 1993 and with distinction. She is due to retire during 2006 and comments here on the changes on which she has led.

### Anglican Diocese Child Protection Statistics 2005

16 situations requiring advice

34 cases

227 people attended training

## Reflections on Safeguarding Children

### **Developments in the Diocese**

Twelve years ago, on my first training day at Dunham House, forty participants were expected to consider the pastoral needs of adult survivors of sexual abuse. Over double the expected number attended, a high percentage themselves were survivors or friends of survivors. It was a landmark occasion, and we were deeply moved by the stories that emerged as the day unfolded, the tears which flowed and the overwhelming sense of God's presence and grace.

Voices emphasised that this was the first time they had ever heard child sexual abuse being openly acknowledged in a Christian context. Many had been sexually harmed either in Christian homes or by leaders in churches. By the end of the day questions were being asked about what was the church doing to stop this happening to children in the church. Evaluations noted the need for the reality of child abuse to be acknowledged in our church communities and for policies and protocols and training to ensure those in churches knew how to safeguard children and to respond to concerns

Today, it is hoped that those participants would feel they had been listened to when we consider how the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham has addressed the many and complex aspects of taking best care of those children and young people in its care.

Looking from 2005 to that first training event in 1993 we have come a long way in our parishes in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. By God's grace we have been prepared to face what was unimaginable in the early 90's i.e. that child abuse happens in Christian homes, families and churches. Facing and accepting this has taken time and a major adjustment – it has been like bereavement but by acknowledging this we have been able to move forward with commitment and energy to work in ways which focus on the welfare of our children and young people.

I want to conclude by celebrating our achievements. There has been a culture of change within Church of England churches across this diocese and children are safer as a result. Many people have played their part in this gradual process and included are two Diocesan Bishops, dozens of

determined volunteers in parishes over the years, Diocesan Advisors, senior and other Clergy, the support staff and Director at Family Care. Throughout God's spirit has guided, encouraged and supported this work and my prayer for the future is that it continues to be maintained and developed following the guiding principles of acting justly, loving mercy and walking humbly.

DEIRDRE OFFORD – CHILD PROTECTION CO-ORDINATOR



### **Child Protection**

# Taking Stock in the Nottingham Catholic Diocese

In 2000 Archbishop Cormac Murphy O'Connor, the head of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, faced with a number of media stories about how badly the Catholic Church dealt with cases of child sexual abuse, commissioned a report to look at the whole question of child protection in the Church. He turned to Lord Nolan, a prominent Law Lord and a leading Catholic, who chaired a commission drawn from child protection specialists, and across other faiths.

In September 2001 they published "A Programme for Action", which contained 83 recommendations about child protection within the Catholic Church in England and Wales. All of these recommendations were adopted by the Church as Church Policy.

The two broad aims of the report were first to prevent child abuse from happening within the Catholic community and secondly, where abuse is suspected or disclosed, to ensure that it is dealt with properly. The last line of "A Programme for Action" suggested that recommendations of the report should be reviewed after 5 years to monitor progress. September 2006 marks the 5th Anniversary of the publication, and there is no doubt that the Church has made staggering progress over the last 5 years. In Nottingham Diocese alone there are 106 parishes, each having a child protection representative whose task is to help spread awareness about child protection issues, to ensure safe recruitment of volunteers and church personnel and to ensure that all individuals working with children and young people work in ways that are safe, for the children and volunteers alike.

Training is perhaps one of the most important ways of raising awareness. To date the child protection training has been made available to about one third of all the parishes in the Diocese. There has also been training days for clergy.

A similar story is unfolding in each of the other 21 Dioceses across England and Wales. It is expected that the review, when complete, will conclude that truly remarkable progress has been achieved over the past 5 years. However, there is still far to go. For centuries in the Christian tradition there has been a wide spread view that children are wayward and need to be trained with physical punishment (CF. Hebrews Chapter 12). In

Victorian times the phrase "children should be seen and not heard" was first coined. A concept that the welfare of the child is paramount is a very modern version indeed, voiced first in the 1989 Children Act, which only came into force in 1991. How many years it will take the Church to fully grasp and act on this notion that the welfare of children comes before all other concerns?

### Catholic Diocese Child Protection Statistics 2005

10 new cases

7 training events

1,800 CRB
Disclosures completed



### Family Care Treasurer's Report 2005

The charity achieved a net surplus for 2005 of £12,917 compared with a deficit in the previous year of £15,118. Gross income went up by £42,631 and expenses by £14,596.

Inter-agency fees increased by £144,795 to compensate for the loss of the Eastwood project and the reduction of £48,305 in donations. Salary costs increased by just over 4% whilst most other costs were down on the previous year, reflecting the continuing careful budgetary control.

An amount of £10,000 was transferred from Unrestricted funds to Contingency Fund to reflect the special efforts made by supporters during the year. 2006 promises to be another difficult year financially as the Trustees continue to try and establish a sound financial base for the charity to move forward on.

I do however anticipate an overall surplus on the year's activities.

Michael Headland

### **Financial Statement**

The full financial statements of the charity were approved by the Council of Management on the 28th July 2006. The annual report and accounts have been submitted to the Charities Commission and to the Registrar of Companies. The auditors of the charity reported on the full financial statement on 28th July 2006 and that report was unqualified in all respects.

These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity.

A copy of the full annual report and financial statements can be obtained from the registered office at:-

Warren House, Pelham Court, 2 Pelham Road, Nottingham, NG5 1AP.

### **Trustees' Statement on the Summary Accounts**

The summarised statement of financial activities and balance sheet are a summary of information extracted from the annual financial statements.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees M. W. Headland – Trustee

### Auditor's Statement on the Summary Accounts

In our opinion this summary financial statement is consistent with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2005.

Higson & Co, Registered Auditors & Chartered Accountants

### **Accounts**

# Southwell Diocesan Council for Family Care Limited Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 2005

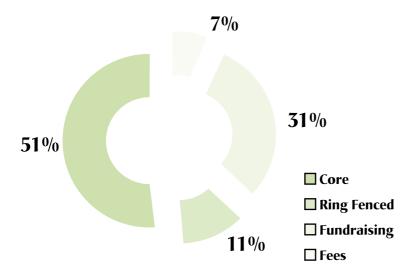
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		596,367		553,736				
Expenditure:								
Expenditure directly relating to the objects of the charity.								
Staff costs Property and office costs Subscriptions Professional fees Depreciation Eastwood Project Expenses Children's Counselling Expenses	480,591 35,713 2,334 11,700 2,815 - 597		460,408 39,212 2,455 12,233 5,328 820					
	533,750		520,456					
Expenditure on fund raising and pub	olicity							
Staff costs Advertising Publicity and fund raising	16,516 1,463 1,152		14,870 2,877 80 17,827					
Expenditure on the cost of managing and Administering the charity	5							
Staff costs Treasurer's expenses Audit fee Sundry expenses Loan interest	21,464 2,233 1,763 4,365 744		22,789 2,233 588 4,060 901 30,571					
		<u>583,450</u>		<u>568,854</u>				
Excess of income over expenditure for the year		<u>£12,917</u>		<u>£(15,118)</u>				
Southwell Diocesan Council for Family Care Limited Summarised Balance Sheet At 31st December 2005								
	2005 £		2004 £					
Assets	191,771		173,320					
Liabilities	(42,355)		(36,821)					
Net Reserves	149,416		136,499					

### **Thank You**

Family Care is extremely grateful for the support from our volunteers and others who enable us to continue our work.

- All our regular givers and donors: Parish Links, Mothers' Union, Bottle Collectors and other supporters
- Everyone who donated, sorted and distributed Christmas toys for local children and families, and the late Revd Cave and Mrs Cave for their tremendous support and the use of the church hall
- Roxana for her Croatian sponsored swim
- The Robin Hood marathon and fun runners
- Those who organisated events to celebrate our 120th Anniversary, including a Safari Supper, Wollaton Park BBQ, Cantamus Choir event, and Nottingham Concert Band
- Those who donated and helped on the day for the Diocesan Family Offering Service
- Chris Holmes who continues to develop our website
- The Community Shop volunteers at The Bridge Centre
- Center Parcs for the 1st prize of a holiday for our 2005 prize draw
- Katie Yapp, photographer, for increasing our library of publicity images
- Rangers at Bestwood Country Park for Teddy Bears' Picnic

### **Funding Sources During 2005**



The pie-chart shows the break down of Family Care income. The core funding represents grants from the Diocese and Nottinghamshire County Council.

The ring-fenced amount is from Trusts e.g. Henry Smith and the Tudor Trust and funding bodies where we have a contract which specifies the outcome of a particular project.

Fees are predominantly Inter-Agency fees which are paid to us when we successfully place a child from Local Authority Care with an adoptive family. Fundraising is any voluntary donation we receive as a one-off or a regular payment.

# Thank you to the following organisations and trusts for their financial support

- Home Office funding for support to victims of knife and gun crime.
- Nottingham City Council for the Independent Counselling work
- Southwell and Nottingham
   Diocese and Nottingham
   Catholic Diocese for
   supporting the Child
   Protection work
- Wilkinsons
- Henry Smith for our Family Support Worker's post
- Tudor Trust for funding one Children's Practitioner post
- Nottingham City
   Council Neighbourhood
   Renewal Fund for
   supporting the
   Domestic Violence work

# How you can help families who need our service, now and in the future

### • Become a Friend @ Family Care

A Friend @ Family Care can help in many ways. As a friend you may organise a fundraising event (eg coffee morning), sell mince pies after a Christmas service, be a collection point for our money bottles/boxes, display our newsletter and literature, encourage your church/PCC to donate the offerings from one of your special services, or invite Chris Burton to one of your services or evening groups to talk about our work.

### • Become a Regular Donor

You could help Family Care by sending us a regular donation. Family Care's Promise Form gives you the option of donating to us either monthly, quarterly or annually from your bank account. You can choose how much, how often and for how long. This can be downloaded on the website or by contacting Chris Burton at Family Care.

### Gift Aid Your Donations

If you are a UK taxpayer and donate to Family Care you have the option to 'Gift Aid' the donation. This includes regular giving and one-off donations. This is a real bonus to Family Care as we can claim an extra 28p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to you.

### Fundraise at Work, or Encourage your Employer to Support Us

Your workplace could have Family Care as its charity of the year or give a Christmas donation instead of sending Christmas cards. Maybe you could organise a fundraising event – have a bad hair day, or crazy top/shirt day. Does your company have Payroll giving? If so then think about Family Care. Would your company be able to sponsor an event, such as the children's summer picnic or sponsor a leaflet or our Annual Report?

### Make a Difference to Future Generations

You can help Family Care continue to support children and families in the future by remembering us when you write your Will.

# Please tick here if you would like to find out more about Family Care's work □ I would like to donate £\_\_\_\_\_ to Family Care's work. (Cheques payable to Family Care) Please tick here if you would like Family Care to reclaim tax on this donation □ (You must be a UK taxpayer. Please remember to notify us if you no longer pay an amount of Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax equal to the tax we reclaim on your donations) Please tick here if you would like to be included in our half yearly newsletter mailing list □ Please tick here if you would like to be included in our general mailing list □ Name: Address: Postcode:

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### Highlights of 2005



### **JANUARY FEBRUARY**

**MARCH** 

**Bishop George** launches the 2005 anniversary year with **Family Care staff** 

**Nottingham's Lord Mayor hosts** celebration

**Presentations given** to various church groups

### **APRIL**

**Contract with Calverton Schools begins** 

A staff member's celebration of silver service (25 years in post)

### MAY

Annual Bramcote Sponsored Swim (raising approx £450)



### **JUNE**

Food & Jazz event at **New College Nottingham** 



### **JULY**

Croatian sponsored swim raises nearly £900

Cantamus Choir Concert held at Worksop Priory (raising £848)

The Diocesan Family Offering Service at Southwell Minster raised £3,382

> **Commission for Social** Care Inspection

### **AUGUST**

**Wollaton Barbeque** raises £1,800

Teddy Bears' Picnic held in **Bestwood Country Park for** over 100 families

### **SEPTEMBER**

1960s Revival evening raises £400

Staff and supporters run the Robin Hood Marathon, which raises nearly £700 for Family Care

> Family Care, Ishango and Erondu Arts Project

### OCTOBER

Jewellery parties by Lois Sabet

Nottingham Trent University research project around adoption starts



### **NOVEMBER**

Prize Draw raises over £1,700 with local businesses generously donating prizes

■ Launch of "Precious Steps"

Thurgarton community event raises £850

### DECEMBER

Radcliffe on Trent Male Voice choir concert raises £120

Trent Concert Band (now Nottingham Concert Band) events (also held in July) raise over £1,700

Christmas Party for service users

Christmas Toys campaign benefits 1,900 children

Implementation of the Adoption and Children's Act 2002



Family Care, supporting families to provide stability for children



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