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Community fund



Helpers in the kitchen at Caritas Anchor House.

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A Canning Town charity could win kitchen appliances worth thousands after being shortlisted for a community fund.

Caritas Anchor House (CAH) beat hundreds of projects nationwide to make the final 10 of the Stoves Community Kitchens campaign, which donates kitchen appliances

to worthy causes to help them transform their kitchen facilities.

The homelessness charity, based in Barking Road, will be introducing a professional training kitchen at its premises as part of its Home and Hope Appeal.

Linda Maytum-Wilson, the charity's acting chief executive, said: "CAH is committed to promoting

healthy living, and our training kitchen will offer opportunities to improve knowledge and skills to choose and prepare healthy meals, as well as gain catering qualifications.

The public has until August 20 to their favourite projects by voting at [facebook.com/StovesUK/](https://www.facebook.com/StovesUK/).

Charity marks opening of new flats to help with independence transition

Caritas Anchor House has marked the opening of 25 studio flats to help those who have experienced homelessness transition into independent living.

The Canning Town charity has celebrated the opening of its new building, which has also seen the construction of facilities which will extend their ability to offer services to the community.

The flats form part of the charity's Home and Hope Appeal, which has also seen the construction of facilities which will extend their ability to offer services to the local community, as well as those who now call the Barking Road venue home.

Launched in 2011 with a £15.3million funding target, the appeal has so far raised £12.8m of that figure.

Speaking at the event, the charity's chair of trustees, John Armitage, said: "To accomplish what we have, in

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what has been the most challenging of financial times for our country, has been nothing short of miraculous.

"The generosity in time, ingenuity and the determination of those who have supported our appeal has shown us that, despite the odds, it is possible to create new and innovative ways to address social need."

Caritas Anchor House provides accommodation and wrap-around, specialist care for those escaping homelessness, and was highlighted by Elinor Savage of the Greater London Authority (GLA), which donated £600,000 towards the appeal.

She said: "Newham is the 25th most deprived borough in England, and Caritas Anchor House is located in

Newham's second most deprived neighbourhood.

"The GLA was particularly impressed with Caritas Anchor House's aim to provide homeless people with a platform into independent living.

"It's been a real collaboration to get this project off the ground and it is extremely pleasing to be here to see the finished homes."

Guests at last week's launch event were able to get a real feel for a resident's journey through Caritas Anchor House with an experiential tour, which showcased the moving in and induction process, personal development and their education and employment programme.

They also learnt how the charity prepares those staying there to move onto independent living and were able to view one of the newly built move-on flats.