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Stratton Street Methodist Church Community Centre receives the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

The volunteers at the Community Centre, based in Park Village Wolverhampton have been honoured with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK

A small team of staff provide services 6 days per week at the centre. All of the staff gifts a significant commitment in terms of voluntary time & energy towards the delivery of a wide range of community programs relevant to the needs of local families and residents. It is likely that without this dedication and the continued development of the volunteer pool we would not have such an extensive program.

Stratton Street Methodist Church Community Centre is one of 230 charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the prestigious award this year. The number of nominations remains high year on year showing that the voluntary sector is thriving and full of innovative ideas to make life better for those around them. Award winners this year are wonderfully diverse.

The Queens Award for Voluntary Service aims to recognise outstanding voluntary work benefiting local communities. It was created in 2002 to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee. Recipients are announced each year on June 2nd, the anniversary of the Queen's Coronation.

Representatives of the group will receive the award from Mr John Crabtree OBE. Lord-Lieutenant of the West Midlands later this year. Furthermore two volunteers from the community centre will attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace in May 2021 along with other recipients of this year's award.

Centre Manager Gail Reynolds said "I am so proud to be a part the Stratton Street team and so grateful for every single voluntary hour of hard work and commitment that has contributed to the success of this centre past and present. The sense of family is almost tangible. Serving the community is our passion. This amazing award is a wonderful acknowledgement and thank you to dedicated ordinary people who give up their time and resources without any expectation of reward "

Kindest Regards Gail

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