

# Pilgrim Parishes Refugee Support

December 2022

In December Care4Calais was asked to help at three more hotels, one close to Stansted and two near Epping. With the help of other volunteers clothes and shoes were provided for over 200 newly arrived asylum seekers - young and old, men, women and children all of whom have their reasons for fleeing their home countries and making a perilous journey.

You can get an idea of the reasons why these people are leaving their homes and the dangers they encounter on their journey here by watching the film [The Swimmers](#) showing on Netflix, or reading Christy Lefteri's book [The Beekeeper of Aleppo](#)

**Your donations helped to buy shoes and basic clothing for 45 adults and enabled us once again to fill Christmas shoeboxes and carrier bags with presents for 43 children**



Shoe boxes wrapped and filled



Labelled (yes it was cold)



Ready to go to the .....

# Christmas Party



for distribution to some very excited children



Hot food cooked by C4C volunteers and taken to the Stansted hotel for the Christmas party



120 meals plated out with food donated by local supermarkets and the foodbank



Donated cosmetics, toiletries and chocolates packed by C4C into party bags for the adults



Christmas bags donated by the foodbank and distributed to each family by Care4Calais

Thank you for your support over the last year.

90% of the people in the Stansted hotel have been there for over a year waiting for their asylum claims to be processed and more asylum seekers are arriving all the time so this desperate situation is not going to be resolved any time soon.

Please continue to support Care4Calais in 2023