New Testament Church of God
Women's Ministries Department

SHAPE
Supporting and Helping young women
Achieve Potential through Education

Standing Order Mandate

Name (Rev/Mr/Mrs/Miss).....

Bank Account No. .....

Please deduct: £ .....

From the above account on .....(date) of each month until further notice from me in writing.

Pay this sum to:
New Testament church of God Women's Ministries Department – SHAPE
Lloyd's TSB, Account No 1092194 sort Code 30-93-66
22A Great Hampton Street, Birmingham, B18 6AH

To:

Bank (name of your Bank).....

Sort code .....

Address of your bank .....

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Signed .....

Date .....

Please note this cancels any previous Standing Order in favour of the above.

Name (Rev/Mr/Mrs/Miss).....

Address .....

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Amount pledged £..... per month/per annum
or
My one-off contribution of £..... to **SHAPE** is attached.
Cheques should be made payable to **Women's Ministries Department – Shape**
Please complete the tear off slip and return to:
New Testament church of God, Women's Ministries Department, **SHAPE**, Main House, Overstone Park, Overstone, Northampton NN6 OAD.

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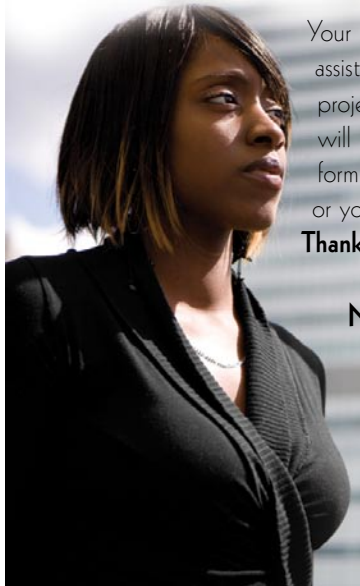
Accommodation and Referral

SHAPE will be open to women between the ages of 16 to 25 who are classified as vulnerable and in need of temporary accommodation and rehabilitation.

The referral criteria include the following:

- Victims of rape / domestic abuse
- Pregnant substance abusing women
- Teenage mothers
- Homeless women leaving the penal justice system
- Asylum seekers and refugees
- Women with mental health problems

Your Financial Support is Needed



Your financial contribution will greatly assist us in setting up and running this project. Whatever you are able to give will be appreciated. Please complete the form to make your on-going contributions or your one-off contribution.

Thank you for your support.

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the BIG move

IMPACTING WOMEN
Inspiring Change

The Vision

SHAPE is a project of the New Testament Church of God, Women's Ministries Department.

Aims

The aim is to provide a suitable safe home environment where vulnerable young women are motivated, supported and empowered through education, training, mentoring and counselling to build their confidence in order that they can function effectively in the wider community.

In collaboration with other agencies, and ensuring a holistic approach, **SHAPE** aims to challenge and change the negative outlook of vulnerable women. We will encourage and support the integration of the women into the wider community.

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Objectives:

SHAPE will contribute to social cohesion and inclusion by working with vulnerable women from all ethnic backgrounds. The founders of **SHAPE** intend to provide a suitable home environment where:

- Women will be empowered to learn and realise their potential;
- Women coming out of incarceration will be encouraged and assisted to learn life skills;
- Women facing homelessness through family conflict or loss will be signposted, supported and mentored;
- Women who have resorted to substance abuse and or prostitution will be empowered and supported to regain self esteem and confidence in all areas of their life;
- Women with broken families will be educated in parenting skills, life skills and health care for themselves and any children they already have or aspire to have;

The Evidence

There is a shortage of suitable accommodation adequately staffed to provide optimum service for the category of women we seek to assist.

Evidence shows that one in ten young women is held back because of poverty, exploitation, abuse or poor health. Statistics also show that there are around 380,000 single hidden homeless people in Great Britain. This figure includes those staying in B&B's, squats, on friends' floors, and in overcrowded accommodation. After only 4 weeks on the streets it becomes more difficult for them to move back into mainstream society.

Birmingham has been selected as the first base because the city has one of the highest concentrations of social excluded residents.

The Working Party

Members of the **SHAPE** working party are all active and dedicated Christians with a wide range of expertise and experiences. Their combined years and professional knowledge gained from working within the public sector contributes to the unique service the Women's Department will offer to vulnerable young women. **SHAPE** provides a pivotal and essential service, incorporating supportive links for signposting vulnerable young women back into mainstream society.