



**Your invitation
to be an Acts 435
Donor Church!**

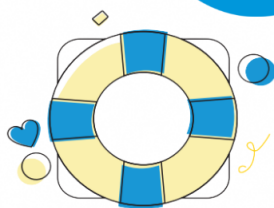
What is a Donor Church?

A Donor Church is a church that supports our work, both financially and by spreading the word to their church community about the impact Acts 435 has on individuals who are facing poverty and hardship throughout the UK. The financial support given by a Donor Church will be given to the requests for help on our website, which will then be distributed through our network of churches and local charities who are working with the individuals in their community.

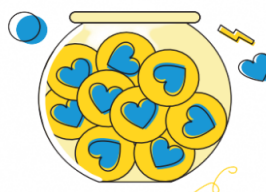
HOW ACTS 435 WORKS



A local church or charity becomes an Acts 435 partner



Partners post urgent needs on behalf of people in their community



Donors read stories of need and give through the Acts 435 website



The partner contacts the person in need and gives them the item

Supporting our Donor Churches

We'll support our Donor Churches to share our work by sending them a start-up pack including materials and videos, as well as an annual certificate to mark their fundraising efforts. They will also be sent materials to share with their congregations in time for our Acts 435 Sunday in July, and also for our Christmas Appeal. It may also be possible to request a speaker to attend a church service to launch the partnership. Please get in touch with us for more information on this.

Financial Support

We would expect our Donor Churches to financially support our work on an annual basis, either via monthly standing order or a one-off donation. Each donation given directly impacts individual lives. This donation can be raised in any way the church feels able. It may be that the church already has an annual budget for charity giving. However, you may want to incorporate a giving day on our Acts 435 Sunday, or another day of the year. There are many other ways to fundraise for Acts 435 too such as: sporting challenges, bake sales or other events.

Frequently Asked Questions

How long would we need to commit to being a Donor Church?

There are no time expectations for a church to continue being a Donor Church, but we would ask them to financially commit to at least one year.

Are we also required to post needs onto the website?

We are always looking for more churches to partner with us. However, we are aware that not all churches have the capacity to take on this role. This is why we have created the Donor Church model so that churches who cannot get involved in a practical way as Advocates, can still become key partners through their giving.

If we're a partner church, can we also be a Donor Church?

Yes, absolutely! We encourage all of our partner churches to share about our work, but currently there is no fundraising commitment. This could be a brilliant opportunity for these churches to encourage their congregations to give to the work of Acts 435 in a more structured way. However, we are aware that some partner churches do already encourage their congregations to donate towards local requests that they post onto the website, and we would continue to support them in this way too

Why partner with Acts 435 as a Donor Church?

Acts 435 relies on the continuous generosity of donors who connect to one of the requests they read on our website. The vast majority of requests are met within just 14 days. There are, however, occasions where a request is particularly urgent, or where the quantity of requests is exceptionally high. On these occasions donors who give larger gifts, or give by standing order, offer us opportunity to steward finances and apply donations to request that have been waiting the longest, or to recipients who we understand to be in desperate need. The assurance offered by a financial pledge and standing order donations allows us to prepare and plan ahead and be reactive to the unexpected.

Acts 435 Impact Story

L was referred to us through our local Housing Association. She is unemployed and receives Income Support. She has high blood pressure and suffers from anxiety. Her eldest child has a learning disability and is currently living with her. Their sofa has broken and is unusable, but they are unable to replace it and would appreciate a new one, so they have somewhere to relax and spend time together. Please could you help L purchase a new sofa?

"I would like to say how much I really appreciate the help from the kind donors at Acts 435. It's really hard at the moment just to pay for bills and food let alone replace items when they break. I have felt really low worrying about how I was going to get a sofa or a fridge freezer, but your support is really going to help with that. Thank you so very much."

- Acts 435 recipient, Peterborough

How does our church sign-up?

If you're interested in signing up as a Donor Church, or would like more information, please email Katie Greene - kgreene@acts435.org.uk