## North West Simon Community



No 4 JFK Parade, Sligo Clinic @ Breffni Resource Centre Carrick on Shannon every Tue

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## Thank You for helping people who feel invisible

Dear Mary & student of St Aidans NS Ballintrillick,

I wanted to drop you a short message of gratitude regarding your recent donation of €57.70 to the North West Simon Community. Your money will go directly towards our tenancy support services and accommodation supports here in the North West. Your support is much valued. For many people in crisis, North West Simon Community is the only light at the end of a lonely tunnel. The only way to get their lives back. They have hit rock bottom.

They need a place to call home – we provide it. We currently have over 31 people living in our housing in Co. Donegal. While Sligo, Leitrim & Donegal does not have a visible rough sleeping population, it is dealing with the phenomenon of "hidden homelessness" with many people stranded in inadequate or emergency accommodation as a result of a lack of "move on facilities"

North West Simon Community's Outreach Service is there for people who need support to keep their homes or who are at risk of tenancy breakdown. The charity has an outreach worker in Sligo, Leitrim & Donegal.

We are in this for the long haul: We don't just help people and move on. We provide other support services to help them rebuild their lives, like liaising with social workers, MABS, Citizen Information Service, local Councils and HSE workers. The charity facilitates life skills courses when funding is available.

Through our work in Sligo, Leitrim & Donegal we witness first-hand how hard things are right now for people who cannot get suitable housing or afford the rising rents and in light of this your donation is very welcome at this time. If you wish to get involved in Christmas Jumper Day on Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Dec please do let you know. Thank you very much.

Mary Mc Keon

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