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17th April 2023

Dear Sally,

Re: Impact Report for Nineveh Trust grant issued in January 2020

The £2,500 grant was very greatly received at the end of January 2020 and it was put to immediate use, funding our Social Farming Bursary. This supported two local SEND colleges, Marketfields in Clacton and Castledon in Wicford, who each attended four times for work experience days (10.30am to 2.30pm). They worked with the cattle, in the vegetable garden and undertaking some conservation work. The first Covid lockdown prevented any further visits and the grant was reallocated to general funds to allow us to support ourselves during this period of very little income.

The impact of the grant was very significant as it contributed to our core running costs including wages for all staff (pre-furlough), electricity, loan payments, rent and other employment costs. It also enabled us to invest in the necessary covid health and safety measures such as PPE, hand sanitizers, extra gloves and hand tools so they weren't shared.

Without the reallocation of these funds we were facing a very stark future. Over time, we were able to apply for the furlough scheme and a local authority grant and one lender gave us a three-month window on repayments. All of this allowed us to reopen our doors in June 2020 to a few volunteers and more fully in August 2020 when we welcomed back supported volunteers, who are funded through the Social Farming Bursary, as well as our Day Placement service users who are funded by Essex County Council.

Since the end of the second lockdown we have been able to expand our services and grow our staff and started a new training program for young people with learning disabilities. It is hard to imagine that only two years ago we were facing some very tough decisions, something that the Nineveh Grant enabled us to avoid which we are all very grateful for.

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I hope this Impact Report is sufficient for your needs but if you require any further details, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I have included my mobile 'phone number.

Yours sincerely,

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