

## **OSM Cheshire & North Wales Supports Save the Family**

Tony Stringer, Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler of Cheshire & North Wales, together with Ian Brown, Supreme Ruler of Christleton Conclave No 504, recently visited Save the Family in Christleton, Chester, to present a cheque for £2,500 to support the refurbishment of their communal kitchen.



**Tony Stringer and Ian Brown**

Funds had been raised throughout the Province during the year, together with a contribution of £1,000 from the OSM Benevolent Fund.

Save the Family was set up in 1995 to support local families in need. In 2011 their current main site at Cotton Lane was opened. It has 26 self-contained units ranging in size from 1-bedroom studios to 3-bedroom family accommodation.

Clients arrive at Save the Family due to the impact of a range of circumstances, but circumstances that would mean the family are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless, and who have multiple and complex needs.

Save the Family exists to prevent this happening, and strives to keep the family unit together until circumstances improve to allow them to move on.

They provide support 24 / 7 to enable the family stay together and support them through complex challenges and equip them with the skills to create a positive future.

They are assisted by a team of mentors who develop relationships with each family based on trust, appropriate challenge and guidance.

Save the Family offers temporary housing and round-the-clock support to homeless and at-risk families. The rural site provides tailored assistance from a trauma-informed team, empowering families to overcome challenges and build a brighter future.

The aim is to empower families to overcome barriers, increase their independence, grow in confidence, and reach their true potential, ultimately to reintegrate them into a community when they feel equipped and ready to carve out a brighter and more sustainable future, with increased aspirations and opportunities.



**Right Worthy Brother Tony Stringer, Worthy Brother Ian Brown and Jessie Wickham, Community Fundraiser.**

The charity has also worked to bring together other local charities on a regular basis to share best practice and explore how networking amongst the various charities can benefit the work of the individual charities and foster closer co-operation without challenging the independence of each.