

31 October 2024

Dear the City of London Solicitor's Company Charity,

I am writing to thank you for your generous award of £2,000 to Z2K (Zacchaeus 2000 Trust). We are incredibly grateful for your support towards our Pro Bono Project which provides legal support and tribunal representation to individuals and families in London who have had their disability benefits stopped or wrongfully denied.

Your grant could help us to support more disabled individuals like Claire (name changed) and her family to navigate the complex and often degrading social security system that leaves millions of people without secure incomes:

Claire, a disabled single parent with two children, was struggling to pay her rent. She was subject to the benefit cap, an absolute limit on your benefits. This affects hundreds of thousands of households across the UK, leaving many in financial hardship as private sector rents soar.

Claire was in a dire financial state when she reached out to Z2K, with a monthly shortfall of over £500 and mounting rent areas. Z2K helped Claire become exempt from the benefit cap and increased her income.

She was awarded an extra £1,000 monthly and £12,000 to pay off her rent arrears. Our intervention prevented unsustainable rent arrears, probable eviction, and, most likely, a homeless application to the Council. Claire's increased income improved her and her children's well-being.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your support of Z2K. If you have any further questions about our work, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Samantha Evans'.

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