

## Platform Securities Works with ShareGift to Distribute Over £215,000 to Local Charities Since 2015

**ShareGift**, the share donation charity, specialises in releasing value from small shareholdings for other charities. These shares can be transferred to ShareGift at no cost to the shareholder and sold to generate a multi-million-pound stream of funding for the charitable sector. To date ShareGift has donated over £34m to over 2,900 charities in the UK and the Republic of Ireland.



**Platform Securities** is proud to offer key support to ShareGift as their primary custodian and processing share transfers each year free of charge. In recognition of this support, each year ShareGift invite employees of Platform Securities to suggest local charities or those with a personal connection to receive funds.

Since 2015 charitable distributions totalling **£215,000** with donations ranging from £2,500 to £10,000 have been submitted to 33 separate charities, including hospices, an urban farm, local theatres, children charities and a homeless charity.

This year's nominated charities are:

- **The British Heart Foundation (Registered Charity No: 225971)** fund over £100 million of research each year into all heart and circulatory diseases.

ShareGift are donating a further £25,000 to the BHF in December 2019 bringing the total distribution to the BHF in the last twelve months by ShareGift to £40,000.

- **The Trussell Trust** supports a nationwide network of food banks to provide emergency food and support to people locked in poverty. Two Birmingham foodbanks have been chosen:
  - o **Erdington foodbank (Registered Charity No: 1161641)**
  - o **Aston and Nechells Foodbank (Registered Charity No: 1141676)**

Both foodbanks are seeing huge increases in demand – 400% increase in referrals - and are predominantly volunteer led. Each foodbank will receive a £2,500 donation from ShareGift.

Commenting on the distributions made by ShareGift, Nigel Reynolds, CEO of Platform Securities LLP said “The fantastic and continued generosity of ShareGift in inviting staff from Platform Securities to suggest local charities is very much appreciated. All of the charities chosen resonate with our employees and the donations will deliver benefits to these worthy causes.”