

PRESS STATEMENT

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Congratulations on a unique achievement

We are delighted to announce that Life's founder and National Chairman Professor Jack Scarisbrick has been named in the New Year's Honours list and is to receive an MBE for his services to vulnerable people.

Life's Head of Communications Stuart Cowie said: "This is wonderful news and long overdue. We have been waiting for this acknowledgement of Professor Scarisbrick's drive, determination and courage which are an inspiration to us all here at Life.

"He founded Life in 1970 alongside his wife Nuala, and began what has grown to become the largest pro-life enterprise in the UK. Based on the principle that all human life should be respected from conception to natural death, a range of services were developed to provide the positive alternatives to abortion.

"Now the charity is the largest provider of housing for homeless pregnant women aged between 16 to 25 in the UK. It also offers a crisis pregnancy care service and education services throughout the UK. Life's daughter charity, Zoe's Place, opened its first baby hospice in 1995 in Liverpool for families with children with life-limiting conditions, followed by two further hospices in Middlesbrough and Coventry. And the Life FertilityCare Programme provides a successful alternative to IVF and other forms of assisted conception.

"Professor Scarisbrick's unique achievement has been to bring his vision to life. From the outset he said that it was not enough simply to oppose abortion – one had to provide real, practical alternatives to it to make a difference. The Life vision, which encompasses Zoe's Places, is an example of compassion in action. Since its inception over 40 years ago it has saved, improved and turned around countless vulnerable lives and for this we have Professor Scarisbrick's leadership to thank."

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LIFE is a pro-life charity that supports anyone facing a crisis pregnancy, pregnancy loss or after an abortion, and strives to engage, inspire and inform the next generation.