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**MESSAGE FOR NORWOOD ANNUAL DINNER
FROM THE CHIEF RABBI LORD SACKS**

I am delighted to send my personal greetings to those attending the Norwood Annual Dinner.

Our community can be justifiably proud of this remarkable organisation. Its origins go back to 1795 and for almost 215 years it has reached out to the most vulnerable members of the community. Today Norwood is one of our most important and impressive charities and I would like to commend them on the theme they have chosen for their campaign 'Change a Life.'

Our Sages taught us: "Save a life and you save a world." From which it follows that if you change a life, you begin to change the world.

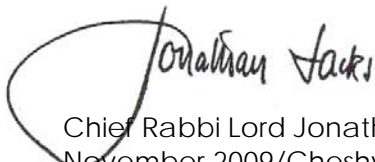
The only way to redeem the world is to do it a day at a time, an act at a time, one life at a time.

Whether we give time or money or dedicate our career to the needs of others, we play a crucial role in the support of our community. We should all be proud of the network of dedicated staff, volunteers and donors that makes Norwood the essential lifeline that it is today. Every time Norwood supports, nurtures and give someone wings to fly, it fulfils the highest ideals of Jewish charity: giving people dignity and self-respect by helping them towards a more independent life. By making a difference, we redeem a life, lifting it from mere existence and helping it to become God's image.

I wish Norwood a successful evening of fundraising. As Sir Moses Montefiore said, "Happiness is not made by what we own: it is made by what we share. We are worth what we are willing to share with others."

May God bless Norwood and may Norwood continue to bless the lives of all those it touches.

With warmest good wishes



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