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Stephen Timms supports World Homeless Day

Today local MP Stephen Timms attended the Anchor House World Homeless Day reception in the Churchill room in the House of Commons.

Anchor House is an award winning and nationally acclaimed residential and life skills centre in Canning Town. Every year Anchor House houses up to 220 people who would otherwise have no home. The World Homeless Day reception focused on bringing influential figures from the private and public sectors as well as from local government.

The reception heard from speakers including Lord Gus O'Donnell, the former Cabinet Secretary, and Mr John Armitage, parish priest of the Royal Docks, who recalled sponsoring a brick for 2/6 when Anchor House was being built during his childhood in the 1960s. The reception was told that £4m of the fundraising target of £9m to redevelop Anchor House has been raised.

Speaking after the event, Stephen said: *"Today's reception has done a very good job of highlighting the seriousness of homelessness and the plight of those facing it. Anchor House is doing a fantastic job in Newham- they are making a tangible difference in peoples' lives when they are at their most vulnerable and have done so successfully for many years now."*

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