



Karleigh's

# MENTOR FOR MOTIVATION

Care Leaver, Karleigh, was in the process of completing her Apprenticeship with YLF. At the same time she was moved into independent living. She couldn't wait to be a 'grown up' but then struggled living alone.

“MY MENTOR STOOD BY ME THROUGH THE TRANSITION OF LEAVING CARE, HELPED ME MOVE INTO MY NEW ACCOMMODATION, ALWAYS HAD AN EAR TO LISTEN AND EVEN WENT AS FAR AS BUYING ME THE MOST ANNOYING ALARM CLOCK TO MAKE SURE I GOT OUT OF BED FOR WORK IN THE MORNING! I COULDN'T BE MORE GRATEFUL, BECAUSE WITHOUT MY MENTOR AND YLF'S SUPPORT, I DON'T THINK I WOULD HAVE COMPLETED MY APPRENTICESHIP. IF YOU EVER NEED EVIDENCE THAT YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVING CARE NEED HELP - I AM IT! HAVING PEOPLE LIKE THIS IN MY LIFE OVER THE PAST 4 YEARS, HAS HELPED ME MASSIVELY BECAUSE I'VE BEEN ABLE TO FEEL SOMETHING I'VE NEVER FELT BEFORE; HAPPINESS, PRIDE IN MYSELF AND SELF CONFIDENCE.”

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