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Projects You Can Support

Mentoring Programme:

Mentoring is a key area of development for YLF and is currently provided to Early Help / Troubled Families / Schools.

He has fewer 'meltdowns' in school and is also recognising what his triggers are and he will now access help before he gets angry. He looks forward to seeing his mentor every week.

Our mentoring programme includes group mentoring (led by volunteers) and one to one mentoring delivered by volunteers. We are currently supporting over 150 young people a year to achieve positive goals.



£20k is needed each year for each district. This provides 25 mentors for 1:1 mentoring arrangements or provides 40 young people with a group mentoring session.

YLF Apprenticeship Programme:



We support young people with the completion of an NVQ whilst on placement at our headquarters over the duration of one year. In addition to learning new skills, they have the experience of being in a working environment.

Your company name will be the honorary title of our Apprenticeship scheme for our young person.



16k is needed each year. This will allow us to employ an apprentice for one year and cover the cost of their training and education.

Over the past year my confidence has grown and helped me prepare for my future life.



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Staff Salary:



Our staff play a vital role in carrying out the services we provide for the young people we support. Our Positive Activities service depends on dedicated staff and are crucial to the children and young people we help look after.



£15k is needed each year to fund a part time Positive Activities member of staff (21 hours per week) and all associated costs.

Advocacy Programme:



Our advocates support young people by enabling them to have their voices heard in child protection care proceedings and Family Group Conferences and on issues such as education and family contact.



£10k is needed each year. Our advocates put the voice of the child first for those in and placed in Kent.

YLF Hub:



These hubs are used by members of our team as working spaces and places to run activities for young people all across Kent and Medway.

We currently have hubs in Sittingbourne, Thanet, Gillingham and Gravesham.



The cost of running the activities in these hubs is £5k each year. You could sponsor a specific hub for example, our hub in Thanet.



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Positive Activities Programme:



The young people engaging in these activities are children in care, those with learning or behavioural difficulties, those with special educational needs or are from deprived backgrounds. Our positive activities programmes offer weekly and half-term activities, overnight experiences, camping weekends, day trips, seasonal trips and educational opportunities / ASDAN qualifications. Young people at YLF have ownership of their activity programmes. They are involved with the design, planning and then participation in the activities, building confidence and social skills.



You could choose to sponsor a residential trip for our young people. The cost of a residential for groups of 15+ and staff is £4k.

There is also the option to sponsor a weekly group. There are 3 different tiers of group:



Group 1: Hall Hire, 2 sessional staff, snacks, YLF run activities



Group 2: Hall Hire, 2 sessional staff, snacks, Outsourced activity coming into the group e.g. Circus skills



Group 3: Cost of an activity (e.g. cinema, lazer tag), 2 sessional staff, snacks

Below are some examples of a Positive Activity Trip you could be sponsoring.













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