



Christmas Appeal 2018

Action Homeless would like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas Appeal by volunteering time, donating money and giving food, gifts, clothing and toiletries.

Your help enabled us to provide emergency food support to people in need, give presents to children that otherwise wouldn't get any and target isolation at a difficult time of year by putting on a range of events and activities.

The money you helped raise will enable us to continue providing homes for people that need them in 2019.

Christmas Appeal Highlights:

- Over £17,000 generously donated
- Donations of food & gifts with a value of over £10,000
- 60 gift bags given to people in emergency accommodation & presents given to all children
- Food parcels delivered to 180 clients & over 200 customers served at our crisis Food Stop.
- 210 volunteer hours given by over 60 volunteers
- U23 match tickets donated by Leicester City FC

There isn't room to mention all our Christmas Appeal partners, but we'd like to say a special thank you to the following groups:

Leicestershire County Council
Leicester City Council
DMU Department & Societies
Gateway Lodge 6513
Priory Group
Michael Ambrose Ltd
INFO
BS Handling
Earl Shilton Building Society
Central England Co-op
Leicester City Football Club
Leicester Grammar Junior School
EMH Group
LBSE
Berkeley Insurance
Bilstein DEC



New Homes for Christmas:

This year we were thrilled to be able to open a new 13-bed property in Leicester's Castle Ward in time for Christmas.

A local property owner generously covered the costs of renovation while public donations enabled us to provide new tenants with the basics they needed to settle into their new home.

Your support means we can help people like Stuart:

I've been homeless for two years and volunteering with Action Trust for one. I started volunteering because I wanted to keep myself busy. I'm used to getting up at 6am and working full days and I didn't want to get out of the habit. A lot of homeless people find it hard to motivate themselves and I didn't want to slip into that. Volunteering has kept me focused and busy through a difficult time. I'm now in a position where I'm able to start bidding on properties. Once I've moved in the next few months I'll be able to start applying for jobs too."

In the Community:

Fosse Park Centre Manager, Adrian Young, took part in a 5 day, 40 hour, sponsored sit-out to raise awareness about homelessness in Leicester. Adrian was also able to raise £1120.24 for Action Homeless.

Fundraiser Bob Whale camped out for 3 nights, including Christmas Day. He braved sub-zero temperatures and managed to raise £1176 towards our work in the city.

The annual Phoenix Donation Screening took place in December. The audience was treated to 'It's a Wonderful Life' and generously gave over £1000 worth of donations

Volunteer, Give or Donate in 2019

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