

Winter Appeal Newsletter

2017/18

"I got my independence back! It's somewhere I'm proud to show off to family and friends, and it's a safe and clean environment for my daughter to visit me, too"

Luke, Action Homeless tenant



We want to thank the many people, community groups, and businesses who donated money, food or gifts in the run-up to Christmas 2017.

Your generosity enabled us to feed hundreds of people in need, making sure no-one went hungry over the festive period, and give out gifts to children and adults affected by homelessness to help spread a little Christmas cheer. Thank you!

What's more, money donated means that we can continue to provide homes for people that need them most throughout 2018.



£21,398 donated so far



83 volunteers giving 327 volunteer hours



£10,000 worth of food, toiletries and gifts donated



Over 300 people in need given food & gifts

#CaringAtXmas

Our special thanks goes to the following organisations for their support;

- Upton Steel
- Tokio Marine
- Church Pharmacy
- British Gas
- Masters Allen
- Howes Percival
- De Montfort University
- Central England Coop
- Revenue & Benefits, Leicester City Council
- Leicestershire County Council
- Phoenix Cinema

Your donations provide a chance for change



Once a full-time carer, Ginette soon found herself without a job when seizures brought on by epilepsy and mental health problems made it impossible for her to continue:

"Action Homeless have really been there for me over the last couple of years. I love the house I'm living in now... My depression and anxiety means that sometimes I struggle to leave the house or communicate with people, so when I'm feeling really low it's nice to have my housemates nearby to help me. It really creates a sense of community within our home.

Action Homeless are always on the end of the phone, too, and they'll help me get back into work when my doctor says I'm ready to.

"There are so many people affected by homelessness and charities like Action Homeless do an incredible job of helping reduce the amount of homeless people in the area. They've helped to bring me out of my shell and regain my confidence."

100% of the money raised over the Christmas period will go towards helping people like Ginette.

By providing people with safe, stable and affordable homes, we can help them to regain their independence and lead happy and fulfilled lives.

Action Homeless believes that everyone has the right to a home but recognises that there is a lack of good quality affordable housing in Leicester. That is why our aim is to have created 100 new units of accommodation in the city by the end of this year. We are well on our way to achieving that target and thanks to your support are going into 2018 with funds to get started on our next property.

During the year, we will continue our work, turning empty and under-utilised properties into homes for people that need them most. Contact us on the details below to find out how you can offer the chance for change in 2018.



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