

M3 Project

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Campaign to make Christmas bright

OUR Christmas campaign has been launched on the CrowdFunder website with the aim of raising £2,000.

A menu of donation options is being offered in our Room at Christmas campaign, along with a number of rewards for donors everything from a personal thank you to £10 towards a high tea in the Drop Off Café in Edenfield.

Project manager Alan Dorrington said: "If someone donates £5 then it will buy a Christmas meal for a young person and £10 will buy a young person a Christmas present.

"For £20 a teenage mum will receive a welcome pack and £50 helps pay for a support worker. A £100 donation will pay for a week's placement with M3."

Leaflets promoting the campaign have been printed and



are being distributed across Rossendale and electronically to contacts of Rossendale businesses HearFirst and NCS Support Services.

Anyone wanting to donate can visit www.crowdfunder.co.uk/m3-room-at-xmas.

We work with around 60 young people and 20 new young families each year however, Lancashire County Council approved budget cuts which means that we will

no longer receive the level of support we have from the Supporting People Team.

The SP budget of nearly £12million is being slashed to just £3million and from April 2017, LCC will only fund services for young people aged 16 and 17 – a statutory service, only 20% of M3's client base

Alan added: "Like other providers we are having to assess how we work and see if we can source funding from other areas.

"In the last year we have evolved and raised our profile in the area, become a charity and gratefully received a number of donations from the community.

"We are appealing for lots of people to support our Christmas campaign and get involved with M3 to secure our role in the future."

Business award

WE WERE honoured to jointly win the title of Community Business of the Year in the Rossendale Business Awards.

It was the first time that our charity had been nominated and we never expected to be collecting a trophy alongside The RAFT Foundation.

Project manager Alan Dorrington said: "We were delighted to collect the award and it endorses the excellent work carried out by the staff at M3, the householders and the young people.

"It also highlights the positive outcomes our project achieves with our young people who are helped on their way to becoming independent young adults."

We also held a very successful raffle that raised £448.

Thank you to all the businesses that freely donated prizes to make it such a success.

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So what is M3?

M3 is a specialist charity that offers a variety of accommodation services to homeless young people aged 16-25.

Accommodation is provided throughout Pennine Lancashire in Rossendale, Burnley, Pendle and Hyndburn using supported lodgings as well as independent supported properties.

From our office base in Rawtenstall, we offer up to 13 supported long-term places.

We also run a teenage family project across East Lancashire.

Click to support

HELPING M3 couldn't be easier - it is just a click away.

On our website there is a donations section where you can select how you would like to help the project.

Just click your choice and follow the simple instructions.

M3 facts

A FIFTH of our clients are aged 16 and 17 and just over half of all our young people are male.