

M3 Project

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Students' cash bid

A TEAM of Year 9 students from Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School is compiling a presentation on M3 in a bid to win funding.

The philanthropy challenge will see one project secure £3,000 for its good cause. Good luck.

Meet the team



Dawn

I HAVE worked for M3 since the project was first set up nearly 13 years ago and I am one of the project workers for long-term supported lodgings.

It takes a special person to open their home up to strangers and I have huge respect for those that do.

Supported lodgings is a unique experience for young people.

I have seen many young people come and go through the project and have had the pleasure of working with some remarkable people.

Documentary raises profile



Householder Pauline who featured both in the TV documentary and was interviewed by BBC Radio Lancashire.

WE HAVE been raising our profile with national TV coverage, a live broadcast on local radio and stories in the regional and local press.

We were approached to take part in a documentary about young people transitioning from being in a care home to living independently.

"Fostered children are provided for up to the age of 21, but those in care have to leave their care home at 18," said Project Manager Alan Dorrington.

A film crew documented the story of one young person who was helped by the M3 Project Lancashire.

Alan said: "Although M3 has been running for 13 years, we have kept ourselves in the background just getting on with doing the job but we never really felt the need to shout about what we do.

"However, funding is changing, and as we explained in the first issue of this

newsletter, this means we need to make sure people understand and support the incredible work that is going on here."

BBC Radio Lancashire's Sean McGinty presented a live broadcast from the home of one of our householders Pauline who has provided supported lodgings for young people for 12 years.

She explained her role in the organisation and Sean also interviewed one of our young people Raj who explained how he had come to need help from the project and the difference it had made.

Alan said: "I was also able to put across information about how we work and it was presented in a chatty style literally from the front room of Pauline's home. It really worked."

News stories have also appeared in daily regional and local papers promoting our appeal for sponsors to help support M3.

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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 12 supported long-term places and four emergency places.

We also run a teenage family project across East Lancashire.

Click to support

THANK you for the donations we have received since the last issue.

Many people have donated online and Trinity Baptist Church, in Bacup, raised more than £270 through Christmas events.

Helping M3 couldn't be easier. On our website there is a donations section where you can select how you would like to help the project.

M3 facts

In 2014 M3 received 99 referrals to our project.