

NEWSLETTER

# SLEAP

## SUPPORT & LODGINGS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

### HELLO

Hello and welcome to the Autumn edition of our newsletter! As you all know, the last few months have been and continue to be challenging for many. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of people and organisations who have supported SLEAP in various different ways during these times. Here is an update of what SLEAP have been up to over recent weeks.



### BEAVERBROOKS

Ceri and her colleagues from Beaverbrooks have been a huge support to SLEAP in giving ongoing advice on marketing and advertising. They have also provided gifts for our young people and donated money to help us in our work with homelessness. Thank you to Beaverbrooks for all of their support and we look forward to continuing our work with them in the future.

### DONATIONS

SLEAP has been very blessed to receive a variety of donations from various sources and these have greatly benefited all of our young people. Boots in Leyland have donated a wide range of toiletries and other pampering products which have been distributed during the crisis. We have also had donations of a TV, clothes, bedding and food. The support of our community is just amazing! Thank you to everyone who has helped us during this time.



# GOOD NEWS STORIES!

## GOOD NEWS

Lockdown has been eased just a little bit and things are looking up but it's still been a tough time for many. If you want to celebrate the good stuff to come out from the last few months, we want to share with you some of the good news and achievements of all our amazing young people.

- Two young people started care jobs and both have become key workers within the community.
- A young person secured a major full-time volunteering role with a national organisation, with the aim of eradicating youth homelessness in England.
- One young person moved on into independent living and is successfully sustaining their own tenancy.
- Several young people managed to reduce their debts substantially by setting up affordable repayment plans.
- One person successfully found an apprenticeship in the field of his dreams.
- Several young people have resolved relationship issues and are now reunited with their families.
- Some young people got the assessments they needed and are now receiving the specialist support required to help them achieve their potential
- One young person has even managed to have a week's holiday in an isolated rural area in a caravan

## CRAFT GROUP



Chorley Craft Group have been a wonderful support to SLEAP, especially over the last few months by donating food parcels for our young people, raising money through the sales of Easter crafts and donating money towards our food cupboard. Thank you to everyone involved in this, it had been a huge support for our young people!

## IT'S GOOD NEWS THIS TIME!

Once all funding applications were frozen at the start of the lockdown, we had some worrying times with the possibility of seeing SLEAP coming to the end of its work. However, funding from the Coronavirus Community Support Fund, distributed by The National Lottery Community Fund, has helped us to continue. Starting in October, this new funding will see us through to March when hopefully all will be in place to continue long term. This means we are still supporting young people living with our host families, preventing homelessness so young people can thrive and responding to emergency needs for food, other basic items and help. Funding charities always feels like a rollercoaster but it's definitely worth it!

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## HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

- Become a host family.
- Befriend a young person.
- Volunteer (attending group activities, helping in the office, sharing a skill)
- Fundraise or donate.
- Provide volunteer experience for a young person in your business or company.
- If you are someone that prays then please pray for us.


## KEEP IN TOUCH


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## THANK YOU

We hope that you've enjoyed reading about everything we have been up to recently. Thank you for your continued support.

From all the team at SLEAP.