

Help us be there for vulnerable
and disadvantaged people
in Cheshire and Warrington
for years to come...

...by leaving a gift
in your will

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Our commitment to you and our community

Through the generous support of local people and businesses, Cheshire Community Foundation works tirelessly to deliver vital funds to effective charities and not-for-profit organisations in the areas of greatest need, providing a lifeline to vulnerable and disadvantaged people.

Gifts left to us in wills can be transformational and are key to helping ensure we are here for future generations.

Of course, family and loved ones will always come first, and choosing to leave a gift in your will to a charity is not a decision made lightly. I hope this booklet helps provide the information you need to make an informed choice and that you consider leaving us a gift in your will.

We take our responsibility to fulfil the wishes of our donors in their lifetime and through their legacy gifts seriously. Cheshire Community Foundation will support the most effective charities in accordance with your wishes, ensuring that you continue to support the causes that matter most to you, through a gift in your will.

Together we can meet our aim of tackling poverty, disadvantage and inequality in Cheshire and Warrington, and help to build stronger, happier and more resilient communities for many years to come.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

Zoe Sheppard
CEO, Cheshire Community
Foundation



Delivering funding to those who need it most



Established with the help of a legacy gift, Cheshire Community Foundation raises funds to support hundreds of amazing charities and voluntary groups across the whole of Cheshire and Warrington.

As expert local grant-makers and long-term funders, we ensure that the money you donate reaches right to the heart of the local communities that need it the most. In the last nine years we have raised over £13 million for Cheshire charities and local groups.

WE ARE A BRIDGE

We connect people like you, who want to make a difference, with those most in need of help. We also help local businesses and Charitable Trusts to give smarter in Cheshire and are entrusted by funders such as National Lottery, Comic Relief, Nationwide Building Society and the National Emergencies Trust to distribute funds locally as the trusted giving partner in Cheshire.

As a result, our grants now support thousands of vulnerable and disadvantaged people across Cheshire and Warrington to reach their full potential every year – 78,000 in 2019 alone.

“I just burst into tears when the volunteer coordinator said she had found someone to support me. It was such a relief. You can’t appreciate what a difference it makes – we are so very, very grateful.”

Couple struggling living with dementia

Meeting the challenge in Cheshire and Warrington

We are committed to ensuring Cheshire and Warrington communities thrive and flourish now and for generations to come. To do so we must work to support the hundreds of thousands of people in our communities experiencing poverty, disadvantage and inequality.

WHY WE MUST CONTINUE...



Around **35,000** children living in poverty* despite at least one parent being in work. That’s around one in every seven children (15%)

24,000 <25 YEARS of age



Over **24,000** children/young people under the age of 25 have a registered mental health disorder

Around **19,000** of over-65-year-olds in Cheshire are **isolated and lonely** all or most of the time. (10%)



Over **70%** of those out of work have a **limiting long-term illness or disability**



40% of job vacancies in Cheshire are hard to fill due to **low levels of skill/work experience**



How are we changing lives in Cheshire and Warrington?



HOW WE HELPED A DEDICATED MUM LIFT HER FAMILY OUT OF POVERTY

Jane was off work with an illness and was struggling to make ends meet when she first came to the Centre. With no money for food, gas or electric, tensions in the home were high and family morale low leaving Jane feeling suicidal at one low point.

THANKS TO THE HELP OF THE CENTRE, WE HAVE A HAPPY STORY TO TELL.

Firstly, we helped the family put meals on the table through our food bank and helped with the gas and electricity bills through our 'gift of kindness' fund. Once Jane's health had improved, she was determined to return to work and joined our job club. Within a few weeks she was back in work.

It is amazing to see the effect that a helping hand can have on individuals who want to change their situation for the better. Jane now smiles and comes bounding into our Centre each week to give us good news on the family's progress.



REGAINING MY FAITH IN HUMAN NATURE AFTER AN ABUSIVE MARRIAGE

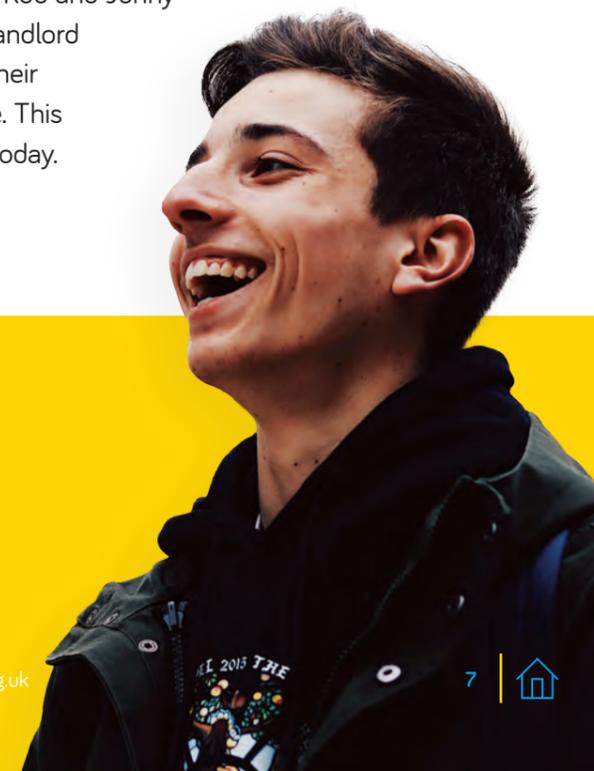
A year ago, I was sitting in the office of a debt advice network with no front teeth and multiple injuries, as a result of an abusive marriage. With my home under repossession, I had no idea what was going to happen to me and my two children. Thanks to a charitable organisation funded by Cheshire Community Foundation, I was helped to solve my debt and housing issues, inspiring me to help others in the same situation. One year on, I am working as a volunteer at the debt advice network and I have a new home and my life back.

I know none of this would have been possible without this organisation and CCF's support. The team have restored my faith in human nature.

HOW I TURNED MY LIFE AROUND AFTER MUM WENT TO PRISON

When I was 15 or 16, I could never have imagined getting to where I am today. Back then, I was living on my own, in my mum's house, after she was given a prison sentence. It felt like rock bottom. I was too young to be responsible for the house. I wasn't going to school and I got into trouble with the law and ended up in Crown Court but managed to stay out of prison.

It was then, when I was at this low point, that the youth project seemed to take notice. I had been involved in youth clubs before, but this was different. Rob and Jonny came to my house and brought food, they helped me with the landlord and wanted to sort me out. Later they offered me a position in their social enterprise and I did an apprenticeship and went to college. This CCF funded project helped me get the full-time job that I have today.



Together we can make a difference

Naturally, you will want to make sure you take care of your own family and loved ones first, ensuring any gift you leave us doesn't impact your ability to provide for those most important to you.

We do understand that you will want to know more about us, when considering including Cheshire Community Foundation in your will. Whether it is more information about what causes your gift could support, where in Cheshire it could be focused, or how you can leave a lasting memorial or tribute as a permanent reminder of you or a member of your family through our Endowment Funds.

Our passionate and dedicated team based in Northwich would be delighted to tell you more about how Cheshire Community Foundation helps improve lives in Cheshire and Warrington.

The value of CCF is that we ensure your money has the maximum impact and as well as telling you the difference our funding makes, the team can arrange for you to visit a local project or attend one of our events to find out more. They can also offer helpful advice about the things you may need to consider when writing a will and provide any further information or materials you may require.

Further information about our work can also be found on our website www.cheshirecommunityfoundation.org.uk

“With over 4,000 charities registered in the Cheshire/Warrington region, I didn't know where to start with our grant giving, but we have learned we can trust the knowledge and expertise of CCF to distribute funds to exactly where it's needed, in the most effective way possible”

Steven Appleton, Trustee of The Grand Trust.

Our promise to you

Including Cheshire Community Foundation in your will is a big decision to make, which is why we want you to feel comfortable about it.

- We will handle whatever gift you leave us efficiently and with care, sensitivity and respect. Your privacy is important to us.
- We appreciate that your will is completely personal to you.
- We recognise that it's your decision to be made in your own time.
- We will respect your wishes and give you and your family as much choice as possible about how and where your gift will be used.
- We will ensure that, despite an everchanging charitable landscape, your gift has the greatest impact on the local issues that matter most to you.
- We will undertake rigorous assessments before a grant is made from your gift and will monitor and evaluate the difference it makes.
- We acknowledge you have the absolute right to change your mind about giving a gift in your will to Cheshire Community Foundation, at any time.

Three easy steps

1

We've made leaving a legacy to Cheshire Community Foundation as simple a process as possible for you. There are no official forms to fill in

2

All you need to do is tell a solicitor your wish to include Cheshire Community Foundation in your will, giving them our **Registered Charity Number: 1143711**

3

We recommend that you seek appropriate professional advice when writing or updating your will to ensure all your wishes are carried out exactly as you would want

If you're happy to, let us know too, we'd love to hear from you.

Write a note, call the office or email
Zoe@cheshirecommunityfoundation.org.uk
to tell us your wishes.

In their own words



"Even though things were bad, the food parcel funded by CCF meant a lot. To think someone had cared enough to donate and put the parcel together – it was a lot more than I expected. I would like to think when I'm in a better place I will also donate food for someone."

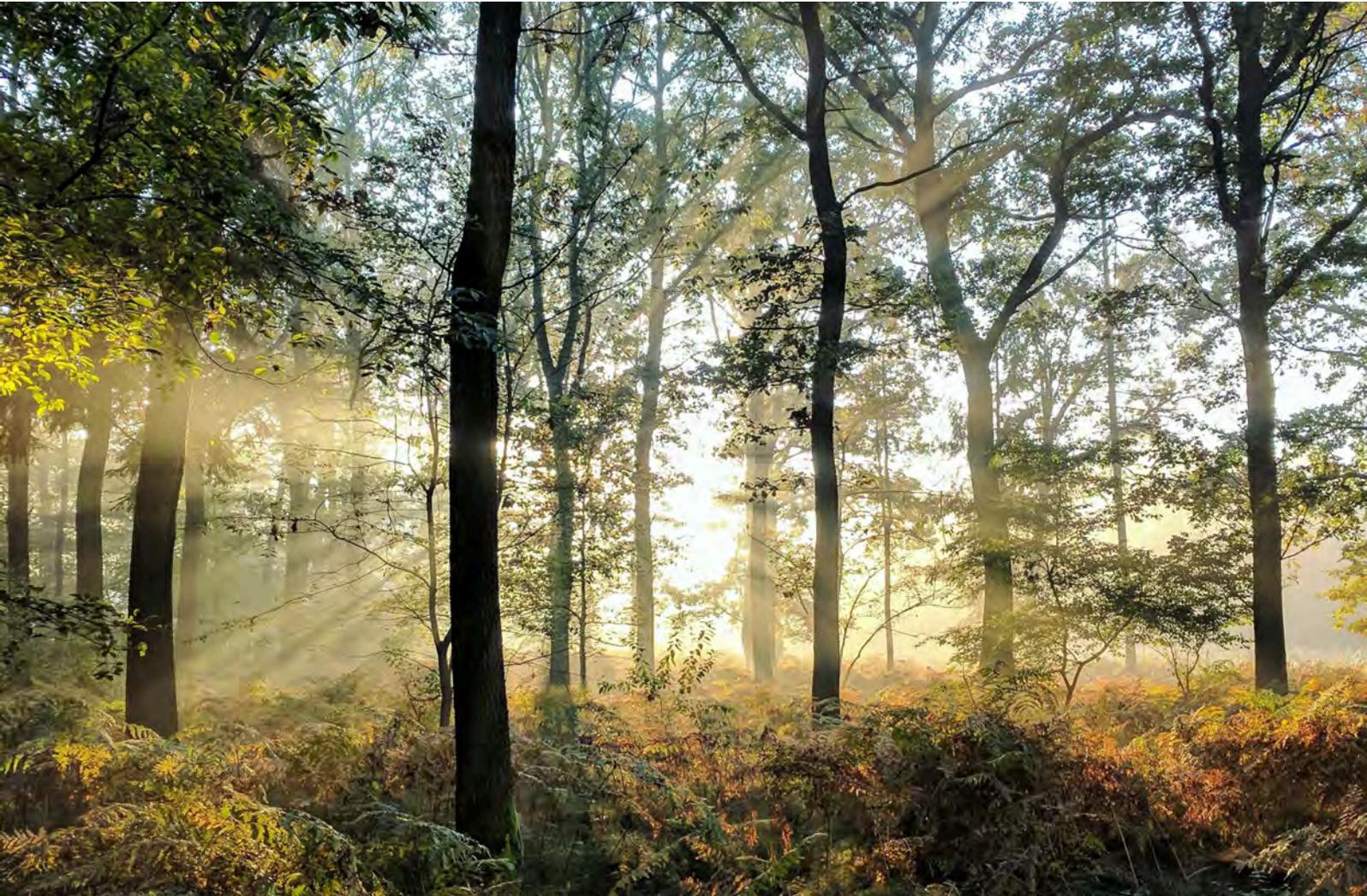


"School counselling has changed my life. Before I started I struggled with several problems emotionally. Counselling has not only helped me to learn to understand and cope with options but has also helped me gain more confidence in myself and in expressing how I feel to my family. Without people like you and CCF, I don't think there would be any school counsellors and lots of young people wouldn't be as happy as they are with their lives."



"Unless you have experienced living as a carer, you cannot appreciate the desperate need one feels without a break from the constant roller-coaster ride it involves. By supporting CCF, you are helping to save carers in Cheshire from reaching breaking point. Thank you."

THANK YOU



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