



THE FREEMASONS'
GRAND CHARITY

CASE STUDY

Amber Foundation

£25,000 grant to Amber Foundation

Amber Foundation has received £25,000 to fund salary costs of a Recruiting Officer for a residential centre, Farm Place, in Surrey. Amber Foundation provides a temporary home to young people who want to work towards achieving a better future, plus a structured programme of activities aimed at helping people find employment. It provides young people with a challenging and engaging step-by-step rebuilding process, designed to help them overcome each of the obstacles that have previously stood between them and independent living. The recruiting officer makes contacts with referring agencies, identifies suitable young people and obtains funding for places.

Anna Perkins, the Recruitment Officer currently being funded by the Grand Charity, says:

“Since commencing my employment with Amber I was tasked with building up resident numbers and initiating and developing relationships with potential referrers/stakeholders. I have spent a great deal of time and energy in establishing Amber’s name and reputation in Surrey and across the UK, such that Amber is frequently held up as a positive example of good practice by those such as the Youth Justice Service, Surrey and Sussex Probation Trust, Catch 22, 24/7, Social Services Teams, and the Police and Prison Teams across the UK. The hard work has come to fruition and has led to a steady increase in resident numbers at Farm Place, which this year alone has already helped 18 young people into college, work or reunited with their families. It has been an exceptional experience to be part of, to see Farm Place evolve into a successfully operational Amber house that is helping many young people turn their lives around.”

If you would like to find out more about Amber Foundation please visit: www.amber-web.org

Chris’s Story



I’d been moving around constantly for a few years and always seemed to end up in some sort of trouble because of my drinking. When I was in prison I realised that unless I did something about it I would be stuck in that revolving door of crime and prison. I heard about Amber and as soon as I arrived I loved the place and couldn’t believe the chance Amber was giving me and the other residents to really transform their lives.

After a week or so I found the cricket club in Ockley and a few days later I was playing in their team. Through the cricket club I met Phil and he offered me some work experience with his construction company ... I was ecstatic. And after a while Phil offered me a full time job!

Although I have made a few mistakes at Amber the staff have been really supportive and given me the chance to sort myself out which has helped me so much. Amber has shown me that with the right attitude and a bit of hard work, even the most stubborn and hot headed people are worth helping because it’s never too late to change your life. - Chris



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