

Surrey Care Trust: your Legacy living on

Surrey is arguably the UK's wealthiest county, yet (not so) hidden in this wealth are some very deep and distressing situations.

In Surrey:

- Nearly 10% of children and young people live in poverty
- Over 1,500 families (estimated) face multiple problems such as: parents without jobs or qualifications, a parent with mental health problems, disability or illness
- Over 25,000 economically active people are unemployed
- Over 15% of 16 to 64 year-olds have no, or low qualifications



Surrey Care Trust works to change the lives of the most disadvantaged people in Surrey

If this were not enough, people affected by adverse economic and family/personal situations are most vulnerable to being drawn into offending behaviour.

Surrey Care Trust Vision:

A society in which everyone has the opportunity and encouragement to achieve their potential, and to make a positive contribution.

We achieve this by offering a combination of education, training, volunteering and mentoring programmes:

- Offering vulnerable young people a different approach to education on our **STEPS to 16** programme
- Providing a free and independent **youth counselling service** for those aged 16 to 25
- **Volunteer Mentors** working with young people and adults to raise their skills and realise their aspirations
- Giving adults a second chance at education with our **Adult Learning Programmes**
- Operating **Swingbridge Community Boats**; an accredited training centre for people to learn new skills and take part in environmental volunteering
- Helping offenders through **placements** with the Swingbridge environmental work team and our adult mentoring work
- Supporting families and giving their children the best start in life at our **Sure Start Children's Centre, Stanwell**

Last year Surrey Care Trust worked with nearly 3,500 people like Ellie and her family, at a cost of over £930,000 as, for us it's about helping vulnerable people to break the cycle of disadvantage, it's about changing people's lives *and* changing their futures.

Investing in the future; making the difference

Sadly, the need for our type of services continues and grows ever more vital.

Elli had struggled being part of a mainstream school and started refusing to attend. This continued for over a year and led to problems in the family home and outside in the local community. It eventually resulted in Elli being sent to a foster home out of Surrey for a period of 6 months. On returning to the family home she received home tutoring for a couple of days per week which initially proved successful, but Elli was missing out on social interaction with her peers as well as adults.

A referral was made to STEPS, our programme keeping disadvantaged 14-16 year olds in education, and Elli started attending for 3 days per week just after Christmas. Things went well from the beginning with Elli enjoying being around other people and sharing her learning with her peers. She enjoyed attending and looked forward to each day. Every few days STEPS made contact with her mum, with lots of positive news being passed on. At the beginning of February, a text message was sent by centre staff informing her mum of a successful few days. Mum replied saying “that is so lovely to hear. I’m so proud of her. And thank you to all at STEPS. Elli is really enjoying it there, at long last she is a bit settled. Once again many thanks”

*details changed to protect privacy

Leaving a legacy to Surrey Care Trust, after first providing for loved ones, ensures that your support continues to have a lasting impact and help to change even more lives.

3 steps to leaving a legacy to Surrey Care Trust

If you decide to leave a gift for Surrey Care Trust, we advise that you first consult with a solicitor to ensure that your Will fully reflects your intentions. Remember, your donation will either be taken off the value of your estate before Inheritance Tax is calculated, OR reduce your Inheritance Tax rate, if more than 10% of your estate is left to charity. To leave a legacy to a charity you need to:

1) Decide what type of gift you would like to leave to the Trust:

A residuary gift: the remainder of your estate, or a percentage of it. This type of gift has the added benefit of keeping its value over time – it isn’t affected by inflation

A pecuniary gift: a specific amount of money or a valuable saleable item, like a piece of jewellery or furniture. Remember, no gift is too small, we appreciate all and every form of support

2) Write a new Will or, if you’ve already made your will and want to add the Surrey Care Trust to it, you could add a codicil. Our details are:

Surrey Care Trust
The Crescent , Heathside Crescent , Woking , GU22 7AG
Registered charity 285543

3) Let us know of your intentions, so that we can keep you updated on our work and our plans for the future that your gift will be supporting

To discuss leaving a legacy to Surrey Care Trust further, contact Rachel Perez-Lofty on 07526 128044 or email at Rachel.perez-lofty@surreycaretrust.org.uk

On behalf of everyone at Surrey Care Trust, and those we work with, thank you.