



YMCA

Here for young people
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Be 'that person'
for someone
like Joe.

Gifts in Wills



Joe's story.

When Joe* came to YMCA he was in a very dark place. His relationship with his family had broken down. He'd left home and had nowhere to stay. On some nights he might find a friend who could offer him a sofa to sleep. On others, he wasn't so 'lucky' and had to sleep in bus shelters. His confidence was crushed and his self-esteem was at an all-time low. He urgently needed support.

If it wasn't for 'that person' – a YMCA supporter like you – Joe could be in a very different place right now. That's why gifts in Wills are so important.

Fast-forward a few months and Joe is now living independently in a place of his own. He volunteers in a café twice a week, is working on his CV, and attends talking therapies arranged by his key-worker, Chloe.

Joe says, "When I arrived, I was very quiet and depressed – but I feel so much more confident and positive now. There's so much support on offer, and all the staff have helped me in their own way."

"YMCA has helped me blossom. I feel like I've achieved such a lot in a short time."

**Joe's story is real, but his name and image have been changed to protect his identity.*

Can you think of a person who helped you become who you are today?

By supporting YMCA Leicestershire with a gift in your will, you could be 'that person' for someone like Joe who needs our care and support. It's a gift that will stay with them for life.

Every young person we work with has faced challenges in their lives that have left them vulnerable. It can involve a combination of family relationship breakdown, abuse, homelessness, poor mental health, or the loss of a parent.

At YMCA Leicestershire, we do everything in our power to provide each individual with the critical foundations they need for a fresh start. It begins with a safe and secure place to live, but grows into so much more.

Home to 117 young people aged 16–25, our dedicated staff provide practical support, guidance, mental health services and opportunities to build essential life skills. Through this holistic approach we help each person to begin to recover from trauma and start planning for a brighter future.

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We respect that this is a special and personal choice. We are here to discuss any questions you may have via:

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Our registered charity name is YMCA Leicestershire and our number is 213513. These are important details to include if you are updating or arranging your own will, to ensure your gift will support your local YMCA.

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YMCA enables people to develop their full potential in mind, body and spirit. Inspired by, and faithful to, our Christian values, we create supportive, inclusive and energising communities, where young people can truly belong, contribute and thrive.

FAMILY & YOUTH WORK

HEALTH & WELLBEING

HOUSING

TRAINING & EDUCATION

SUPPORT & ADVICE