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### **NEWARK HOMELESS CHARITY RECEIVES GIFT FROM LOCAL COMPANY**

For most of us, Christmas seems a long time ago, but some local homeless people are still enjoying the extra gifts they received this year, thanks to the Newark-based charity which supports them and a timely donation from local company Saint-Gobain Formula.

Branching Out supports over fifty 16-21-year-old homeless people. The charity's aim is to help as many young homeless people as possible, providing them with a safe, welcoming home where they can 'grow, develop and learn to live independently'.

At the end of last year, Saint-Gobain Formula who run nearby gypsum operations - Bantycok Quarry and Jericho Works – made a donation to the charity which significantly boosted the budget the charity had for Christmas gifts. The £500 gift allowed the young people's key workers to buy much more personal, long-lasting gifts like dressing gowns and slippers; and toys and books for some of the young people who have babies and young children.

Jess Fell, deputy manager of Branching Out, said: "Branching Out Newark were blown away by the generous donation from Saint-Gobain. The young people we support come from a variety of different backgrounds and many had never experienced a typical Christmas Day before. With the generous donation we were able to purchase gifts that they otherwise wouldn't receive. We were able to think thoughtfully about each young person and purchase a gift that meant something to them. Seeing the young people we support open their gifts on Christmas Day wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for Saint-Gobain. Thank you for making their Christmas Day one to remember."

Amelie Dickinson, Head of Human Resources for Saint-Gobain Formula added:  
“Branching Out does an amazing job offering a warm, welcoming home and such practical support. We are so pleased that our donation was able to make such a big difference to these young people.”

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#### **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

#### **ABOUT SAINT-GOBAIN FORMULA:**

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## ABOUT BRANCHING OUT

We are Branching out, Newark, we are a young person's homeless supported living service based in Newark and Retford. We currently support over 50 young people aged 16-21 at any one time. We cover the Newark, Ollerton and Retford and have a range of services from our 2 core units which are staffed 24/7 where we can support up to 9 young people in each at a time, to individual flats that house our more capable tenants who are close to being ready to move on to independent living.

We have mother and baby units as well where we currently support 3 young mums and their children, as well as a couple who are expecting little ones soon.

Our aim at branching out is to help as many young homeless people as possible, to provide them with a safe welcoming home where they can grow, develop and learn to live independently. Our young people come to us from a wide range of backgrounds from care leavers, domestic abuse cases to ones who have sadly lost their only family and find themselves with nowhere to live. Many of our tenants don't have any support from family at all or are estranged from those closest to them.

We work closely with social services, local colleges and education services, women's aid, CAHMS, CGL and the local youth offender's team.

At Branching out we support our young people to access education, learn life skills, build support networks and gain confidence. Unlike many services we support our young people for a year after they have left our service with anything and everything from tenancy support to dealing with benefits claims and starting work. Some of our young people are with us for a few months while they get back on their feet and others need more support and may stay with us for a couple of years but ultimately our aim is for every one of our young people to learn the skills they need to be able to live on their own and become productive members of the local community.



When our young people are ready to move on, we try to provide them with all of the basics they need in their first home, a lot of this is funded by our teams fund raising and individual contributions staff themselves find from friends and family. We are always trying to raise more funds for our young people for everything from group activities, to helping provide furniture and kitchen essentials for their first home and even Christmas drives and fund raising for us to be able to provide activities for the young people where they can meet others like themselves and build friendships and feel a little less lonely.

For more information go to <https://www.ncha.org.uk/care-and-support/care-homes-and-services/all-care-homes-and-services/branching-out-young-persons-service/>

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