

Who you've helped



Make a Difference

BBC Children in Needs principal objective is to raise Funds and distribute those Funds in support of our mission to make a positive change to the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. In raising and distributing Funds we also wish to raise awareness of the issues Faced by disadvantaged children and young people at a local level.

By showing you just some of the children and young people you have helped in the past, we hope to give you some idea of just how much good you have done and still can DO.

The RefUGee Action project

The 'Get Connected' Project, Refugee Action Liverpool, meets the needs of young asylum seekers in the UK who are completely alone. Abbey was 15 when she was taken and brought to the UK from Nigeria by people who treated her as a domestic servant. Luckily she escaped this situation, but was detained as her age was incorrectly assessed as over 18. Staff at Get Connected helped her to make a claim for asylum, report her situation to the police and get the right support from social services. The youth workers ensured she was able to continue her education, make friends and pursue her favourite things which are dance and football.



'When I came here I knew nobody and was very frightened, Get Connected helped me to settle down and begin to put my life back together, without their help I don't know what would have happened.'

Young unaccompanied asylum seekers face many challenges. Through the support offered by Get Connected, people like Abbey can be safer, healthier and happier as they build a new life for themselves.

chance UK

Chance UK is an award-winning charity that trains and supports adult mentors for primary school children with behavioural difficulties.

The mentors work one-to-one with a child for a year, taking them out once a week in order to help them address their difficulties and broaden their horizons.

Rio lived with his grandmother because his mother was in prison and social services allowed his father only limited contact. Rio had a wonderful year with his mentor Dione. They had many shared interests and every session was fun packed. Dione also made sure to help Rio with his difficulties, for example boosting his self-esteem through giving him positive attention and praise, and teaching him simple techniques to help him manage his anger.

At the end of the year Rio's grandmother said, "Rio is a lot calmer. He still has his little tantrums but only for a minute or two, when they used to be uncontrollable and [last] up to an hour. This is a major change...now we can go out together."



Dogs For the Disabled, Olivia's story

Olivia is twelve years old and has cerebral palsy, a condition developed at birth. Olivia has some limitations with the amount of mobility she has without the use of crutches or a wheelchair.

In 2005, Olivia was partnered with Leo, a golden retriever, trained by Dogs for the Disabled to help with a range of tasks to help her become more independent. Leo can help by being there to pick up things Olivia might drop or are out of her reach, he can also help open doors and fetch things such as books or her homework. These small tasks make the world of difference to Olivia, giving her far more independence in the four years she has had Leo.

"Leo is amazing. Not only does he help me with things like walking or picking up a pen I might have dropped, but he's also helped me build my self-esteem and confidence."



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