



Welcome to Charity Link's March e-news!



Dear ,

I hope you had a good February?

Fingers crossed that brighter days (and warmer nights!) are just around the corner! I hope that is the case, as I am getting ready to take part in the **CEO Sleepout** at the home of the Leicester Tigers next month.

Charity Link is one of the nominated charities for this challenge and I am currently looking for people to sign up with me to raise funds for Charity Link (you don't need to be a CEO - everyone is welcome). Get in touch if you would like to find out more about this special event on the evening of 16th April or [sign up here](#).

Our next **Go4it Challenge** for April to June is '**go without your bed to give a bed**', so if you aren't free to join me at the CEO Sleepout next month, would you consider running your own?! Why not get friends, family or colleagues involved? [Find out more here.](#)

February highlights



Thanks to everyone who attended our Leicester Comedy Festival Comedy Night, which raised £865.

Through our innovative way of working, untapping funds from charitable trusts, we can turn this into £4,325 of essential items for those in need across Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire!

We are grateful to Shockat Adam MP and organisation representatives who attended the 'Trauma Informed Welfare Advocacy Partnership Report Launch' event we co-hosted with Shama Women's Centre and Quetzal.

More information on the project, which was funded by Lloyds Bank Foundation as part of its Local Collaborations Programme, [can be found here.](#)



In February, with your support, together, we helped 368 people by distributing 609 essential items worth £93,093.

We've been changing lives in need for 150 years. We can only continue to change lives with your support. Thank you!

Alice's story



Alice left an abusive relationship to make a new start for herself and her young son. This was very challenging for her, as her ex-partner had been extremely controlling, including taking charge of all the finances.

She left with no savings and, now being the sole carer for her son, Alice also had to reduce her working hours, which meant a drop in her already small income.

Whilst a financial struggle, renting a small private flat felt like a positive step forward for Alice and her son. Then, not long after moving in, Alice was informed that there had been a change in circumstances and the property was being sold. This left the family homeless.

Alice sought help, and the family has now been rehoused - a huge relief. However, the property was unfurnished, and Alice did not have any funds to buy the essential items she and her son desperately needed to make it a home.

Alice's support worker referred her to us for help during this difficult period. We've now been able to support Alice with a cooker, a fridge freezer and washing machine, helping the family to have a decent standard of living going forward as they rebuild their lives and a new safe home.

[Read more client stories here](#)

As you've no doubt seen in the media, many charities are struggling to continue their vital work at the moment, with drops in donations and increasing costs - something we are experiencing here at Charity Link. Things are really tough, and we are so grateful for your continued support.

Ways to support us!

There are lots of ways you can get involved to support our vital work...



Be part of our 150th birthday celebrations

**CEO Sleepout
Leicester**

**Take part in the CEO
Sleepout**



Join us for our Birthday Ball

Go4it

**Take part in our Go4it
Challenge**



Give a kind donation



**Charity Link's Friends
community**

Work with us!

Due to the continued growth of our Trust Administration Service, we are looking for a Trust Administration Officer to join the team. Visit our [website](#) for details.

Have a great month,

Sue

PS. One of our Proud Business Supporters, [Insight Consultancy](#), are organising a **screening of 'Enter the Dragon'** (a Bruce Lee classic) on Saturday 28th March with all ticket sale proceeds donated to Charity Link! For more information and to get your tickets see [here](#).

PPS. We've had lots of enquiries about our [Leicestershire 3 Peaks Challenge](#) already which is so exciting. Registration will open on Monday 13th April and I'd love to see you on the start line on Sunday 27th September!

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