

Sudbury Secret Santa brightens Christmas for homeless young people

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Young people living at Sanctuary Supported Living's Sudbury Young People Supported Housing, in Sudbury, Suffolk, have been delighted to receive a generous donation of warm winter hats from a kind-hearted member of the local community.



The supported housing service provides accommodation and tailored support for young people aged 16 to 24, who would otherwise be homeless or at risk of homelessness. The team support residents to develop their life skills, and build their confidence and independence, as well as supporting them to access education, training and employment opportunities.

The warm woolly donation was made in response to the service's 'Be Someone's Secret Santa' campaign, which asked local people to donate winter essentials and Christmas treats to young people who would not otherwise be able to afford them.

Kate Molope, Local Service Manager for the service, said: "We're so grateful for this wonderful donation of warm winter hats - the residents were over the moon to receive them. As well as keeping them cosy during the cold weather, these lovely hats will also remind them that they're not alone this Christmas and that there are people who care about them."

She added: "Our 'Be Someone's Secret Santa' campaign is still running, and we would be very grateful for any donations of gifts, such as chocolates (no nuts or alcohol), toiletries, new socks, or hats, gloves, and scarves, which will all help to make Christmas feel more special for our residents."

If you would like to support young people in need and 'Be Someone's Secret Santa' this Christmas, please call 01787 375 030 or email Sudbury.Homeless@sanctuary.co.uk.