

Gift Aid

Make your gift to Stevenage Haven worth even more - at no extra cost to you

If you are a UK taxpayer, the **government's Gift Aid scheme allows us** to reclaim tax on donations. We can receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. For your donation(s) to be eligible for Gift-Aid you must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax for each tax year (6 April one year to 5 April the next) that is at least equal to the tax that Stevenage Haven reclaims on your donations in the appropriate tax year.

To make a Gift Aid donation, please complete and return the form below.

To: Stevenage Haven Date: / /

Full Name:.....

Address:

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Postcode:

I would like Stevenage Haven to treat all donations I have made in the past 4 years and all donations I make from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations, until I notify you otherwise.

SIGNED:

Please notify us if you change your name or address.

Many residents have passed through our doors and each has had a story to tell; this is just one of them:

"At 47 years young I never expected to find myself homeless and on the street. Before coming to the Haven I slept in the park, under the subway, in the train station, I sofa surfed, in fact I slept wherever I could. During this time I had suicidal thoughts and I attempted suicide. A referral was made and I was offered a bed at the Haven.

During my time at the Haven I have received a lot of support from the staff and other residents. In fact there is a great camaraderie amongst the residents, which has helped to alter my perspective. The staff have helped me to move forward, they have given me support to access MIND counseling and I am leaving the Haven looking forward to a place of my own with a new sense of self worth, self esteem, self respect and self confidence."

We have produced a separate publication, **'Residents' Stories'**, which contains a large collection of stories and poetry that we have collected over the years. These stories and **poems are the residents' own reflections** of their lives, how they came to find themselves at Stevenage Haven and how the Haven has helped them; written in their own words and **from the heart. Our 'Residents' Stories' booklet can be viewed on our website.**



STEVENAGE HAVEN



Shelter and Support for Single Homeless People

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What Stevenage Haven Offers

Stevenage Haven is a successful homeless charity working with single homeless people over 16 years of age from Stevenage and the surrounding areas.

At Stevenage Haven we offer a range of day services to residents and ex-residents to help them move forward into secure and settled lifestyles and independent living within the community. We also work in partnership with other organisations and agencies that provide specialist skills, services, support and advice.



Chris Foster House is our emergency hostel which can accommodate up to 14 men and 4 women. All meals are provided, as well as washing and laundry facilities and access to our day services.

Entry to the hostel is by referral only; usually by a partner agency. Each resident is allocated a key worker upon arrival who will help them with any problems they are facing and help them to gain access to services such as health-care, careers and benefits advice.

Stevenage Haven provides an opportunity for homeless people to begin the process of rebuilding their lives. Our service is open all year round.

Our Move On Properties provide accommodation for 15 ex-residents of Chris Foster House. Stevenage Haven works in partnership with *Stevenage Borough Council, North Herts Homes* and *Stevenage Consolidated Charities* to be able to provide this valuable move-on accommodation:

Haven 2: a four bedroom maisonette with shared kitchen & bathroom facilities.

Haven 3 to 6: these are 2 one bedroom flats and 2 bedsits.

Haven 7: a three bedroom house with shared kitchen/diner, lounge & bathroom facilities.

Springfields 1 to 4: independent move-on accommodation in four one bedroom cottages.

Stevenage Haven provides a Floating Support Service to ex-residents of the hostel. This service provides further support and helps clients to resolve problems and maintain their tenancies, avoiding situations of repeat homelessness.

Our aim is to provide each resident with the means to move forward into a secure & settled lifestyle within the community and to obtain independent or supported accommodation appropriate to their needs.

How Can You Help?

VOLUNTEERING Can you spare 2 or 3 hours per month?



Evening volunteers (7-10pm) chat with our residents and assist staff.

Lunchtime volunteers (midday-2pm) help with making lunches and chat with residents.

Specialist volunteers share their skills in our Day Services, such as counselling, arts & crafts and gardening. Please contact the Project Manager on 01438 354884 or visit our website www.stevenagehaven.org.uk.

DONATIONS We continue to expand our Move On & Floating Support services in order to reduce the number of homeless people we are forced to turn away and we need to raise funds to support this work.

A donation of £40 can provide a Haven Starter Pack for their new home. A typical pack includes a toaster, kettle, duvet, pillow and bedding, cleaning products and non-perishable food.

If you, your organisation or your company can support us financially it would be a tremendous help to us and to the men and women we support. Donations can be made via our website using direct debit, credit or debit card, or by sending a cheque to our Finance Officer. If you are a UK Tax payer you can increase the value of your gift by 25%, at no cost to yourself, by returning the form on the back of this page.