



Mission & Outreach

at St Andrew's Church Bedford

National Charity Option Three:

YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVING CARE

Young people leaving care lack crucial support for transitioning to independent adulthood. Charitable organisations provide essential assistance, advocacy, and mentorship to address their challenges and empower their successful integration into society. We are called to care for those without families to rely on.

BIBLE QUOTES:

Old Testament:

"Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow." - Isaiah 1:17

New Testament:

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." - James 1:27

THE ISSUE:

Young people leaving care face challenges transitioning to independent adulthood due to inadequate support systems. They often encounter difficulties with housing, employment, mental health, and education, highlighting the need for improved post-care support to ensure their successful integration into society.

STATISTICS:

The number of children ceasing to be looked after during the year increased by 5% since last year to 31,680. (Department of Education)

REASON TO SUPPORT: MISSION ACTION PLAN FIT – KINSHIP

Charitable support for young people leaving care is essential in providing necessary transitional assistance, mentorship, and advocacy. These organisations offer practical support, such as accommodation and life skills training, to address the challenges of transitioning to independence. They also provide emotional support and guidance, filling the support gaps often encountered by care leavers. Charitable support plays a vital role in advocating for improved policies and services, empowering care leavers, and addressing the unique needs of this vulnerable group during their transition to adulthood.