

How your money helps



St Martins
more than a home
for the homeless

Homelessness is a complicated issue. A single approach isn't enough to fit everyone's needs, which is why we have a diverse range of services, from emergency hostel accommodation, to residential care for people with complex needs, to training courses to enable people to build up their skills and self-esteem.

At St Martins, our mission is:

- To maximise independent living and prevent homelessness in our community by offering a hand up – housing, support and care – to the most vulnerable.
- To enhance understanding and compassion towards homeless people in our community through education and advocacy.

People often ask what they can do to help homeless people. Giving money directly to people on the streets, although well-meaning, is often not the best way to help them. It might help temporarily, but it doesn't make a lasting difference because it can't address the bigger issues.

By fundraising for St Martins you are giving a gift that directly helps people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. We work closely with other organisations and provide a full range of services and care that is tailored to each individual's specific needs. With this support, people can begin to tackle the issues that caused them to become homeless and they can begin to rebuild their lives.

Here are just a few examples of the difference your money can make:

£15 could provide a homeless person with a new bedding pack

£25 could help a homeless person learn new skills

£50 could provide somebody with a safe place to sleep for a night, instead of sleeping rough

The money you raise will make a big difference to the lives of homeless people by helping to provide emergency accommodation for rough sleepers, as well as intensive support with mental and physical health needs to reduce the likelihood of them returning to living on the streets and give them hope for a better future. Thank you.