

Press release

Local charity, Friendship Works needs your votes to receive £25,000 from the Masonic Charitable Foundation

Family Action's mentoring service Friendship Works is appealing to all its friends and supporters to vote online to help them receive a £25,000 Community Award from the Freemasons.

As part of Freemasonry's 300th anniversary celebrations, the Masonic Charitable Foundation is distributing three million pounds to 300 charities across the country and Friendship Works is one of those selected.

Friendship Works matches volunteer mentors with children and young people in Camden, Islington, Lambeth and Tower Hamlets, who are facing complex and multiple difficulties in life and often experience low self esteem and social isolation. The mentors help the young people to explore their potential, develop their confidence and build their resilience to manage the challenges in their lives.

Each of the nominated charities will receive a grant, but the public vote will determine how much they receive, ranging from £4,000 to £25,000. Those who want to vote should visit the MCF website mcf.org.uk/vote, select the London page and vote for the charity of their choice. The voting period is from Monday 12 June until Monday 31st July.

Kate Gledhill, Head of Service Delivery at Friendship Works said

"A grant of £25,000 would make a huge difference to our work and would allow us to support even more children and young people. We would be so grateful if people would be kind enough to go on line and vote for Friendship Works. Please remember every vote counts"

To vote for Friendship Works to win up to £25,000, please visit www.mcf.org.uk/vote – Thank you!

Please visit www.friendshipworks.org.uk for more information.

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Notes to Editors:-

About Family Action

Family Action is a charity committed to building stronger families by delivering innovative and effective services and support that reaches out to many of the UK's most vulnerable people. We seek to empower people and communities to address their issues and challenges through practical, financial and emotional help.

Our work is wide-ranging and includes help for parents-to-be, the provision of many Children's Centres in local communities, intensive family support, emotional health and wellbeing services, counselling, mediation and therapies, support in schools and financial grants programmes. Family Action is also recognised as a leading provider of training.

Registered Charity Number: 264 713

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About the Masonic Charitable Foundation

The Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) is one of the largest grant-making charities in the country. Funded entirely through the generosity of Freemasons and their families, the MCF awards millions of pounds each year to local and national charities that help vulnerable people, advance medical research and provide opportunities for young people. The MCF also helps to fund vital services such as hospices and air ambulances and regularly contributes to worldwide appeals for disaster relief. In total, MCF support helps to improve the lives of thousands of people every year in England, Wales and internationally.

As well as providing grants to charities, the MCF supports Masonic families with a financial, health or family need. Visit www.mcf.org.uk

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