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Case Study

Help me become more independent!

Profile Overview

Location:
Bracknell Forest

Reason for Enquiry:
Young girl needed support to help her to socialise independently from her family

Objective:
To find a suitable volunteer to match the girl with

Time Spent:
15 hours

Background:

Jennifer was 15 and lived in Bracknell. She wanted access to greater independence from her family, so she could attend social events with a peer rather than a parent. Her parents contacted the COG project.

Solution:

The COG team met with Jennifer and her family to find out what her needs were. They then went and looked at their group of trained volunteers to find a match. They found a match with Betsy. Betsy was trained for the COG Project in October 2007 and matched with fifteen year old Jennifer in March 2008. She is a student at Kendrick School and took part as a result of the compulsory volunteering element of her Y12 studies after a talk at a school assembly by COG staff.

Conclusion:

Betsy and Jennifer regularly attend the special needs evening at 'Whoosh' a local soft play area where many of Jennifer's friends attend. Jennifer has really come on leaps and bounds, forming new friendships and becoming more confident and independent. Both Jennifer and her family are very happy with how the COG project has helped them. Betsy commented how useful the experience she gained over the year she was a COG volunteer has been. It helped with her university UCAS form, and subsequent interviews for medicine. She feels the experience demonstrated her responsibility to prospective Universities and has improved her communication skills ensuring she is clear and consistent. She also commented on how rewarding the experience had been, and that it has given her a new perspective.



Thank you! I really enjoy my time with my volunteer!



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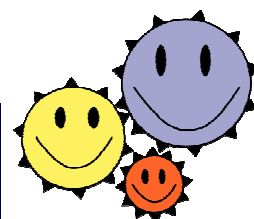
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