Generous Staff and Students Help Homeless in Run up to Christmas

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Staff and students from the University of Worcester have collected dozens of items to help homeless people in the City in the run up to Christmas.

The University’s Community Development Workers (UCDWs) organised two collection boxes to be out for two weeks in December just before the students finish for Christmas.

They asked staff and students to donate food, which will now be donated to St Paul’s Hostel.

UCDW Jeannie Warmington said: “We ran the campaign last year and it was a huge success so we decided to do it again and are delighted with the response received. The service that St Paul’s Hostel offers is vitally important, and homelessness is a cause that is personally very important to different members of this team, both past and present.

“We hope that our collection will help to make Christmas that little bit more bearable for homeless people in the City."

“We also know that many of the students here at Worcester are actively involved in volunteering with organisations that help people struggling with homelessness - for instance students logged 246 hours of volunteering at the YMCA in St John’s last year.”