

Change a life stories

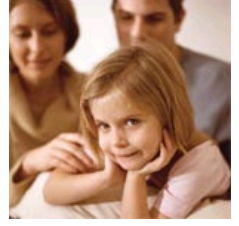
Every year Norwood enables thousands of people to change their lives, one by one. Read about children, adults and families that Norwood has supported to live the life they choose and achieve their goals.

We'd like to hear your stories about how Norwood has helped to change your life or the life of a relative or someone you know so that we can continue to share these and be inspired by Norwood's vital work. Please write to changealife@norwood.org.uk

(Some people's names and personal details may have been altered to protect their true identity.)

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- [Benjamin's Story](#) Benjamin Marks is a typical 17-year-old, who likes music, football, and just chilling out with his friends. He is the eldest of four children, and has three younger sisters who all adore their big brother.
- [Skyla's Story](#) Skyla is a gorgeous, sociable six year-old little girl who loves playing and being active. However, unlike other children her age, she cannot walk or talk.
- [Simon's Story](#) Simon*, 18, is an only child whose parents lived on the periphery of the community but, nevertheless, gave him a modest Bar Mitzvah. However, shortly afterwards, their financial situation worsened when his father lost his job as a salesman and was unable to find other suitable employment. His mother had a low-paid job as a catering assistant and tensions within the family escalated when she, with resentment, became the breadwinner.
- [The Triplets' Story](#) Daniel, Mark and Paul are 8-year-old triplets. When they were nearly four years old, Mark and Paul were diagnosed with severe autism and learning disabilities. They need 24-hour care and are likely to need specialist support throughout their lives.
- [Rachel's Story](#) Rachel has Down's syndrome, severe learning disabilities and a heart defect. She is 21 years old and lives in a Norwood registered care home in Hendon where staff provide her with round-the-clock support with eating, drinking and personal care.

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