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## **STUDENTS RAISE FUNDS FOR HOMELESS**

A group of 12 Yeovil College students have begun a fundraising campaign following a recent visit to Yeovil Night Shelter.

Chelsea Bennett, Lizzie Cassidy, Rebecca Evans, Claire Hawkins, Ayesha Pitman, Samantha Thorne and Hannah Walters of Yeovil, Emily Symes of Beaminster, Beth Cotterell and Samantha Paul of Bridport, Emily Hamilton of Stalbridge and Emma Cornelius of Martock are studying for BTEC First Diplomas in Health and Social Care. They went to Yeovil Night Shelter on Wyndham Street as part of their course earlier this month. The students were so moved by the experience that they decided raise funds for the local charity, which relies on private donations for 90% of its income.

The students have already held a two-day karaoke event, where they charged 50p per person per song, and raised more than £100.

Plans are already underway for further events around Easter next year, including a car wash and possible dress down/dress up day for staff and students.

Course Manager Heidi Amor said "*Yeovil Night Shelter is a local charity which is vitally important to a vulnerable group of people. It is the only night shelter available in a 40 mile radius and relies heavily on donations and volunteers. The students were overwhelmed and humbled by their visit and decided themselves to raise money for the project. It fits very well with aspects of their course and we are very happy to support them.*"

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