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## Bournemouth charity helps man with disabilities secure job



Lee Winter working at Sturtons and Tappers in Bournemouth

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A BOURNEMOUTH charity has helped another young person with disabilities secure a job.

Lee Winter, 26, from Bournemouth suffers from Cornelia de Lange syndrome, a developmental disorder causing a range of physical, cognitive and medical challenges.

With support, guidance and training provided by The Crumbs Project, Lee has now secured work as a part-time café assistant in Sturtons & Tappers, a local independent homeware and furniture department store.

Lee joined The Crumbs Project back in 2008.



The charity offers professional catering services for local businesses and the community, and offer 'training for independence' pre-employment programmes for mixed-ability adults.

All trainees on the programme learn vital everyday skills which helps them improve their employment prospects and gain qualifications within a safe and secure environment.

At the end of September, after eight years with The Crumbs Project, Lee successfully went on to work for Sturtons & Tappers.

The project helped Lee gain several milestone qualifications within the catering and hospitality industry, including food hygiene, health and safety and an NVQ in meal services.

Erika Sloper, food service manager at The Crumbs Project said: "We are all so proud of Lee. He's achieved so much and to now be in employment with a company like Sturtons & Tappers – it's a fantastic result.

"Whilst he'll be missed by everyone at The Crumbs Project, we know Lee will be very much enjoying his new role."

Karyn Thompson, catering manager at Sturtons and Tappers in [Wimborne Road](#), said: "Lee has joined our busy team and is a valuable member of staff, he works consistently well following the standards which we have set and gets on well with both customers and staff."

The Crumbs Project currently has eight interns and 26 trainees currently on their pre-employment programme and has successfully placed dozens of graduates into employment to date.

Any business' looking to get involved are invited to contact the charity on 01202 519320.



For more information go to [crumbs.org.uk](http://crumbs.org.uk).