

Harry (right) has been volunteering in ACACIA's charity shop in Grove since October 2020. He wanted to tell his story about how volunteering has changed his life and could change yours!



Harry was the full time carer for his elderly parents, he took on this responsibility for 23 years until he sadly lost his father in 2020. Life caring for his parents began when Harry was still in mainstream education, meaning that he wasn't able to achieve the qualifications that completing his education would have given him.

After losing both parents Harry reassessed and decided he would like to move into a more mainstream job.

In October 2020 Harry approached ACACIA's charity shop in Grove to enquire about volunteering. He was a fast learner and very quickly became part of the team, even our four legged customers love him!

Thanks to the experience he gained while volunteering, Harry has successfully transitioned into paid work with the local Co-op. We are also thrilled to have him on the ACACIA payroll as a Relief Manager for the Grove shop and as our resident qualified PAT tester.

Harry's story is so powerful and moving; it serves as a vivid reminder that the simple act of volunteering possesses the incredible potential to change lives and strengthen the very fabric of our local communities.

'Volunteering enabled me to find paid employment, I have continued volunteering on my days off as a thank you'

Help us, help you—get in touch!