**Emma wrote this article about volunteering at Creating Better Futures**

**Why volunteer with CBF? The real question is, why not?**

From blogging to bucket shakes to Jazz Nights and press releases, I’ve done everything during my time here at Creating Better Futures. I’ve been lucky enough to meet some inspirational people and learn an array of skills whilst working in a small organisation that supports and develops its volunteers. My internship also landed me my first full-time job in the charity sector.

There are three main aspects about CBF that will stay with me well into the future.

One, the amazing people. CBF is run entirely on volunteers most of which have other full-time commitments. Everyone I have met is dedicated to the cause. It’s been a pleasure to work amongst such passionate and skilled people who are willing to give up their free time to make CBF a success. This also means that all the money raised by CBF goes straight towards the children and communities it helps.

Two, CBF are a charity determined to spread the word using only positive messages, which empower the children it helps and empower its supporters. Dorothy Dix, the CEO and co-founder of the charity, is committed to positive advertising and committed to celebrating the success of the charity. This unique approach towards charity advertising has made me very proud to be part of CBF.

Three, community spirit. When I look back on my time at CBF, one of my most memorable moments was the ‘Jazz Night’. A devoted volunteer, Mayfair, organised a very successful event (alongside A levels and learning to drive) that took place at the beginning of August. That evening demonstrated the level of support CBF has within the local community. It was a wonderful event to be a part of…