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Dear Susan

I am very sad to learn that Stand Alone will soon be closing.

We have worked alongside you closely since we signed the Stand Alone Pledge in 2021, as a public commitment to recognise and support our estranged students.

I am writing on behalf of the University of Northampton to reaffirm our commitment to providing the highest level of support for our current and future students who are estranged from their parents. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the work Stand Alone has carried out to raise the profile of this vulnerable group of students.

Whilst I was sad to hear that the charity is closing, I hope you and your team will take pride in making such an amazing contribution to the progress made in this area around the whole of the UK in the higher education sector. I am pleased to confirm that the University of Northampton is making the Legacy Pledge to continue to support and advocate for our estranged students. Our commitment was and remains to support Estranged Students through our access and participation plan:

- A financial bursary for estranged students supporting their undergraduate studies
- A room in University-owned accommodation is guaranteed for all new, full-time and first year students, with flexible, year-round tenancies available.
- Access to reactive mental health services and counselling.
- Discount on postgraduate course fees.



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I wish you the best in the future and can assure you that we commit to continue to work closely with our estranged students to make their higher education experience with us at Northampton as smooth as possible, as they transition into the world of work, to hopefully make a significant impact on the lives of others.

With very best wishes

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