

## **£30 will help us make a real difference to a local child**

Greater Manchester has one of the highest rates of child poverty in the UK, meaning the life chances of local children are affected greatly. We have to break the cycle of deprivation, so that future generations have the opportunity to flourish. We believe that every child has the right to a positive and fulfilling future. All of the Home-Starts across Greater Manchester prides themselves on being able to react quickly and sensitively to the needs of the local families they support. But as life gets harder for parents and children, the need for our support increases.

Home-Start is one of the most cost-effective, front line services working with parents and children today. This is because our approach is volunteer led, and our model of support is Early Intervention, (supporting families in the early stages of a problem, thus stopping families from reaching crisis point, where costly statutory services are then required).

It costs on average just £30 per Home-Start volunteer visit to a family whose not coping. It makes such a difference to a child's life and its future life chances. We have an ongoing fundraising appeal called FIND (Families in Need Donations), all donations will go directly into supporting local parents and their children.

Your £30 donation will-

Ensure that a child is safe because her mum trusted their volunteer enough to tell her that her husband is abusing them.

Ensure that a child has food on the table because the volunteer showed his mum how to prepare a cheap but healthy meal.

Ensure that a child remains at home with its parents, instead of ending up in the care system.

Ensure that a child has a roof over his head because the volunteer supported his parents with housing applications.

Ensure a child can start school equal to her peers because the volunteer supported her parents in accessing a school uniform

The list is endless, these are just five simple examples of the difference our volunteers are making in the homes of local families.

*One mum supported by Home-Start said: "At first I was so opposed to letting Home-Start through my front door. I thought they'd judge- my house, my parenting, me! My goodness, how wrong was I? Agreeing to Home-Start support was the best decision I have ever made. They stopped me from reaching the edge, they were my light at the end of the tunnel. My voice of reason. They returned my sanity to me. "*

If you you'd like to make a difference too by donating to our FIND appeal, (Families in Need Donations), you can find out more by visiting our website. [www.gmhomestarts.org.uk](http://www.gmhomestarts.org.uk)