

We care about all our children.

All seven of the Home-Start charities across Greater Manchester are joining the Home-Start network in calling for all political parties to put children's lives at the heart of policy.

Home-Start's 'All our Children' manifesto has just been launched at Westminster.

We work with vulnerable parents and children who are socially excluded, living in isolation or facing multiple problems. These can include changes in circumstances, unreliable employment, gaps in benefit payments, poor physical and mental health and housing problems. These can all push families into crisis and when this happens children suffer.

We want to see all our children grow up with safe places to live and play, we want to see all children get support if their parent is suffering from a mental illness and we want to see all children protected from hunger and poor nutrition.

These really are basic needs but many children are not getting the support they deserve. With more than 40 years supporting families, Home-Start knows that small steps are often the most lasting. What we are proposing in our 'All our Children' manifesto will make a real, immediate difference to the lives of children.

In Greater Manchester alone, we at Home-Start are supporting 500 local families and nearly 1,000 children.

Please get behind us by reading our manifesto or by finding out how you can volunteer for one of the seven Greater Manchester Home-Starts. With live getting tougher for families, we need local people to volunteer with us, or fundraise for us so we can support even more families across Greater Manchester. Find out more by visiting the national website www.home-start.org.uk