

Help Home-Start Greater Manchester improve the life chances of even more local children.

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.

Home-Start Greater Manchester prides itself on being able to react quickly and sensitively to the needs of the local families it supports. But as life gets harder for parents and children, the need for our support increases.

Please help us to invest in the future of our children. You can do this in so many ways:

Home-Start Greater Manchester 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, (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.

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 feels loved and secure because the volunteer has offered emotional support to her mum who is suffering poor mental health
- Ensure that a child is free from pain because the volunteer helped his parents get him to his hospital appointment.
- Ensure a child is learning and 'school ready' because the volunteer encouraged mum to read and write with her.
- Ensure that a child has a roof over his head because the volunteer supported his parents with housing applications.
- Ensure a child has a secure attachment with their dad because he has been supported to access counselling for Depression.
- Ensure a child is clean and has a bed to sleep in because the volunteer helped their mum to organise their chaotic home.
- Ensure a child goes on holiday for the first time because their dad is supported to secure a job.

“One mum supported by Home-Start Greater Manchester said: “Without Home-Start and my volunteer I think my mental health would have hit rock bottom. I think I would have been sectioned, this would have meant my little boy ending up in the care system. It doesn't bear thinking about... I cannot put into words what Home-Start has done for me, it's given me hope and my son a future.”

You can support our appeal by visiting the FIND appeal page on our website.

www.qmhomestarts.org.uk/find

