

Home-Start volunteers are the bedrock of our family support. We could not carry on our work in local communities across Greater Manchester without them. At a time when life is getting tougher for local families, the need for a service like Home-Start grows. But in order to support more families, we have to recruit more volunteers. And whilst volunteers give their time for free, training them to deliver support, doesn't.

For £2,000 we can train 10 new local parent volunteers, and for £1,500 a family can receive a visit from a Home-Start volunteer for an entire year.

By donating to our volunteer training courses, you will be supporting us to recruit and train new volunteers who then deliver Early Intervention support to families who aren't coping. Early Intervention is a proven, cost-effective delivery model. It can prevent crisis and family breakdown. It can protect both a vulnerable child and a parent that's suffering in silence. It paves the way for a mum or dad to parent their child in the best way they possibly can. It's simple, if we don't invest in Early Intervention we are not investing in our children.

Because Home-Start offers bespoke support to each individual family's needs we help families avoid crisis as much as those who have already reached crisis point.

Here's what one mum said about her Home-Start volunteer.

"Without Home-Start, without my volunteer, I can honestly say there would have been an awful ending. And when I say awful, I mean the removal of my children by social services. I grew up in care, I had no support networks in place after the birth of my son, and I had no idea how to parent a child- there was never a role model in my life. I knew that to stop the cycle repeating itself, I needed to get support. And Home-Start was just what I needed. My volunteer is my guardian angel, she's the mum figure I would love to of had. Two years of her constant guidance, emotional support and parenting skills has made me the mum I am today. And its stop one more child ending up in the care system."

If you'd like to fundraise for Home-Start, or make a donation to our volunteer training courses, please visit- www.gmhomestarts.org.uk