

### **Time to invest in our local children.**

On the 3rd September our seven Home-Starts working across Greater Manchester will be hosting a showcase event at The Lowry, Salford Quays, to celebrate the difference our volunteers makes to local families every day of the week.

We have received funding from Lottery Good Causes to host our event, to highlight to so many more people across Greater Manchester the work of Home-Start.

On the night we want to get a clear message across, and that message is that we need to invest in the future generations of local children. Child Poverty, parents with poor mental health and relationship breakdowns all play a huge part in those early childhood experiences. But what we do at Home-Start is make a difference to the lives of 1,700 children. And with local support we'd like to do even more.

The event will include the premiere of a short documentary film- 'Telling their Stories'. Told through the voices of several families we support, the film looks at the journey these families have been on with Home-Start, what they were coping with, and how far they have come since Home-Start supported them.

Last year, several families across Greater Manchester were photographed during Home-Start support, from a mum seeking asylum, a dad who was a victim of domestic violence, and a single mum bringing up two children and coping with Aspergers Syndrome. These photo essays will also be displayed on the night, and form part of the Telling Their Stories campaign.

Exciting news for us is that also on the night, we will be launching a Home-Start Greater Manchester website, where you will be able to find out more information on our work, how to get support, how to volunteer for us and how to fundraise for our new appeal- also being launched on the 3rd September.

If you are a local business, or an individual who is interested in supporting us and would like to attend our event in September, you can contact Jo on 07801565623.