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### **Rochdale mum raises almost £300 for the charity who once supported her.**

Mum of three, Steph Crossley has donated £280 to Home-Start Rochdale Borough, as a way of saying thankyou for the help and support she received from the local family support charity.

Home-Start Rochdale works with local families in times of distress; stopping their problems from spiralling out of control, and often preventing crisis. Tailored made emotional and practical support is given by trained parent volunteers to families in their own homes.

Families receive Home-Start support for a whole range of reasons, including poverty, poor mental health, illness and disability and multiple births.

Steph raised the money by selling over 1,000 raffle tickets, prizes included hampers (that she put together herself), and gifts donated by other local parents and The Little Day Spa on Edenfield Road kindly donated a £25 spa voucher.

When asked what she's like Home-Start Rochdale to use the money for, Steph said that she'd like the charity to buy some sensory items for the children they support and the rest of the money to be used to buy emergency fresh food and toiletries for families who were in dire need.

Donna McKenna, manager of Home-Start Rochdale Borough said: "I am overwhelmed by the time and effort spent on raising these much-needed funds, we are so grateful to Steph for coming up with the idea and to all of those who contributed towards the raffle. We know at Home-Start that family life can be so busy and stressful, but this is a perfect example of parents supporting each other during the most difficult of times. We are so grateful."



Pictured left to right, Steph Crossley with Home-Start Rochdale Borough manager, Donna McKenna

To find out more about the charity, including how to get support, or how to volunteer, please visit their website [www.homestartrochdale.org.uk](http://www.homestartrochdale.org.uk) or call 01706 629651

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**NOTES TO EDITOR**

Home-Start is the UK's leading family support charity. It recruits and train volunteers to support parents with at least one child under the age of five. Their home visiting work is unique in the UK. The charity was set up in 1973 and now supports over 32,000 families and almost 70,000 children each year. Over 16,000 volunteers visit families in their own homes – parents supporting other parents in a variety of situations including isolation, bereavement, multiple births, poverty, illness or disability.

There are six Home-Starts working across Greater Manchester. They are: Home-Start Bury, Home-Start Bolton, Home-Start Manchester, Home-Start Oldham, Stockport & Tameside, Home-Start Rochdale, Home-Start Trafford & Salford.