

The best start in life

At Home-Start Oxford we help children to have better lives by providing support to their parents in the face of hardship or at a time of crisis.

Raising children can be hard at the best of times. We support families facing challenges like illness, disability, poverty, multiple birth, mental health difficulties or the after effects of an abusive relationship.

We recruit and train volunteers to make weekly visits to a family in their home. Our support is focused on families with children under 5, offering early help so that it can have a lasting impact.

Aisha* was a mum of four under 5's when Home-Start was approached to help. Mum was self-harming and suicidal. The curtains were permanently closed, and the children never went out. They were diagnosed with Rickets due to lack of sunlight. Our Family Support Worker and then a volunteer helped mum with the practical hurdles to access psychiatric services and more suitable housing. The volunteer brought play activities into the home, helped the family to get out, and apply for nursery places. Our volunteer has established a strong bond with mum and children, who are bright, happy and developing well.

*Not her real name

Home-Start Oxford is a small local charity, based in Blackbird Leys. Founded in 1988, we are part of a network of Home-Start charities that form the largest volunteer family support movement in the UK.

Your donation could make this difference:

£5	could enable a parent to attend a Home-Start support group
£10	could fund a Home-Start volunteer's first visit to a family
£30	could provide a summer outing for children isolated by their family circumstances
£120	trains a volunteer to bring years of friendship and support to many more families

"Everything about Home-Start was helpful; the relationship L had with my son, the way she listened to me, gave me a break and a shoulder to cry on. She gave us both so much support and encouragement at a time when I felt everything was falling apart. I don't know how we would have got through things without her."

Supported mum

It all starts with people just like you.

Could you help us to provide a lifeline to a family at their time of need by supporting Home-Start through regular giving?



Yes, I would like to make a regular gift to Home-Start Oxford,
and help give children the best possible start in life.



Standing Order Form

Please complete the details below to make a regular donation.

1. Your personal details

Title:	First name:	Surname:
Address:		
Postcode:	Email:	
Telephone:	Mobile:	

2. Instructions to your bank or building society to make a regular donation

This standing order replaces any previous standing orders to Home-Start Oxford.

Your bank:

Your bank address:

Name of account holder(s):

Your branch sort code:

Your bank / building society account number

Please pay the sum of: £ on [day] of [month] [year]

and on the same day of each succeeding **month / quarter / year*** [please delete as appropriate] until further notice, to Home-Start Oxford.

CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4TA. Account number: 00016832 Sort code: 40-52-40

I hereby confirm I am over 18 years of age.

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

3. Gift Aid declaration

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If you are a tax payer, tick here to make your gift worth more, at no extra cost to you.

I am a UK taxpayer and would like Home-Start Oxford to treat all donations I have made in the past four years, and all future donations, until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations. I confirm that I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year (currently 25p for every £1 donated).

Please let us know if your tax circumstances or name and address changes so that we can amend our records.

4. Keeping in touch

As a supporter of Home-Start Oxford, we would like to keep you informed about what you are helping us to achieve. From time to time, we may invite you to engage in other initiatives of the charity. If you consent, please tick to indicate how we may contact you.

Post: Email: Phone:

We take your privacy seriously and will not pass your details on to any third party. Your data will be held securely by Home-Start Oxford, at our address below, and will only be used for the purposes for which you have provided consent. We will hold your data for a period of two years. You have the right to withdraw consent at any time, contacting us on 01865 779 991 or admin@homestart-oxford.org.uk

Please return this form to:
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