



Home Start Winson Green, Handsworth & Sandwell Areas 2009-2010



Home Start is a voluntary organisation which supports families with at least one child under the age of five years.

We have fully trained Support Workers and Volunteers who provide assistance to families in their own homes and help deal with the frustrations and problems that arise when caring for young children. Volunteers can often assist/support families through crisis situations when it may be difficult for relatives or friends who are not living locally.

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CHAIR'S REPORT

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year despite having the prospect of uncertain times ahead. As you are aware the Governments Spending Review has resulted in Birmingham City Council having to drastically cut its budget over the next few years and how this will directly affect grants given the voluntary sector. Along with all other similar organisations Home Start has not been made fully aware of the extent of these cuts and therefore what impact they will have on our future.

Uncertainty can often be more difficult to deal with than knowing exactly what is going to happen, but I know that the dedication staff and volunteers have shown during previous difficult times is what has made our scheme the extremely effective organisation it is today. The management committee and our sponsors and supporters are fully aware of our staff and volunteers capacity to go that extra mile in order to cater for the needs of our client families, whatever the circumstances may be.

No one can predict what lies ahead, but what I am certain of is that the management committee will do everything possible to put in place the best possible outcomes for our scheme.

I offer a sincere thank you on behalf of the management committee and myself for the hard work that all involved have put into taking our scheme through another year, and our hope that prospects for the future are much more certain.

Ian Marshall
Chair Home Start, Winson Green, Handsworth and Sandwell Areas

SCHEME MANAGER'S REPORT

Year on year we continue with our success stories. In order for us to continue we need to keep the mechanics of the scheme alive.

I can not predict what will happen in the Governments spending review, but I can predict that all the staff, volunteers and families will be fighting for our survival in order to help many more families in our local community.

Thank you to all the staff, volunteers and families for supporting each other.

Wendy Millichap
Scheme Manager

FAMILY COMMENTS

'Home Start is like chocolate, once you have tried it you can't live without it!'

Family moving out of area said 'Although we are moving to a lovely house there is no Home Start, it should be available in every area. We will miss the volunteer greatly. Thank you.'



FINANCIAL REPORT

Although we have had a huge cut in our revenue this year demand for our services continue to grow. Without support from the Government Home Start is at risk, what will happen to our children and families living in our local community?

Fred Rose
Treasurer

Accounts

For a copy of the accounts please call the office on 0121 525 0988.



VOLUNTEER STORY

'After working as a volunteer for Home Start it has built my confidence and made me feel self worth.

When supporting my family we became good friends and had lots of laughs together. Her daughter enjoyed my visits and after a while she looked up to me and said I made her feel happy and safe.

I can not tell you how this made me feel, not only was it a huge compliment, but a worth while experience with a fabulous outcome.

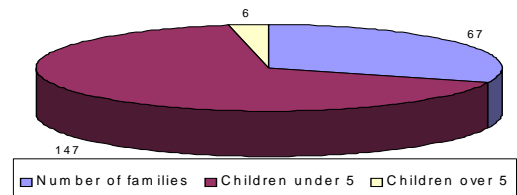
I would recommend it to everyone.'

Scheme Statistics

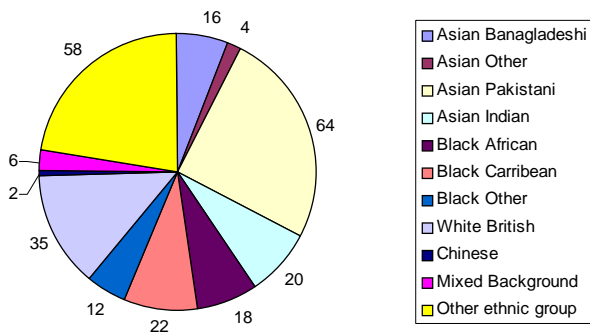
Reasons for referrals

- *Managing children's behaviour
- *Isolation/Befriending
- *Multiple Births
- *Living with mental illness
- *Debt Crisis
- *Lone Parents
- *Domestic Violence
- *Post Natal Depression
- *Teenage Pregnancies
- *Child/Adult Disability
- *Chronic Illness
- *Child Abuse
- *Stress
- *Divorce/Separation
- *Home Safety

Statistics



Ethnicity of Families Referred



Referrals

