



Hope & Homes for Children

Introducing...

Aleksander's story

In 2007, 10 year old Aleksander experienced his first full year in a family. Previously, he was living in the Dom Most institution in Bosnia and Herzegovina. We recently closed this institution as part of our work to ensure that children grow up in caring families.

Aleksander said, "My life now does not compare to how it was in the institution. It was terrible in the institution – we shared everything but in a family I am happy that I have my own clothes, school things and even my own bedroom.

"Before, I did not like to study but now I go to school and my favourite subject is Maths. I also take drama classes and have started piano lessons because I have always wanted to do these things.

"Last year, I went on holiday to the beach with my foster family and I learnt how to swim. We also went to visit my new aunt in the countryside and I enjoyed it a lot, especially as I helped look after her cow. These were all new experiences for me.

"My latest hobby is to collect plants and leaves and I stick them into a book. I then research what they are and write all the information next to them. When I grow up I would like to explore plants on the River Amazon as it is the biggest river in South America."

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ALEKSANDER, BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

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