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**Sunil* is now thriving thanks to your support
and the work of our partners in Nepal.**

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WELCOME

Tessa Boudrie

Hope and Homes for Children
Regional Director, Asia

Welcome to the latest issue of Hope Magazine. I'm Tessa Boudrie,

the regional director for Asia, and I'm writing this as we get ready for a learning session with the British Embassy in Nepal.

In January 2025, the British Foreign Secretary launched a major global campaign to reform how care is provided for children. The goal is to end the use of institutions like orphanages, and instead promote family care. The first big step will be the launch of a global care reform charter, which countries will sign at the UN General Assembly in September 2025.

After that, the campaign will focus on shifting international support away from orphanages and toward helping families and improving child protection systems. Working with the UK Embassy linked to this campaign gives us a great chance to raise awareness about Nepal's situation and

highlight the progress being made with our partners, Forget Me Not and The Himalayan Innovative Society.

You can read more about this progress by reading the words of Birendra on the page opposite. Birendra's journey from a childhood spent confined in orphanages to an adulthood where he's working to end the orphanage system shows the kind of change that is possible with the right support.

And elsewhere in this issue, you'll read more about the many types of change that your kindness is bringing for children and families all around the world. Like in Ukraine, where it's helping case workers like Viktoriia bring support and comfort (and goats!) to families caught up in the terrible conflict there. Or in South Africa, where we're training temporary support parents so that children in emergency situations can be safely transferred to supportive family environments rather than placed in institutions.

There's also details of our latest orphanage closures, including a story about the remarkable impact that the closure of the Centre St Vincent in Rwanda has had for a young boy named Gad*. It's a great reminder that while often the orphanage closure itself is what makes the headlines, the new lives full of love, care and joy that we're creating for children and families are the real story of our work. And that work is only possible because of supporters like you.

As for me, I'm now busy preparing for the 6th Biennial Conference on Alternative Care for Children in Asia (BICON) which takes place in October. This will be a major moment for our work on care reform, expanding child rights and ending orphanages in Asia, and I'll be sure to tell you all about it in the next issue of Hope.

Until then, enjoy the magazine, and thank you again for your incredible support.

Tessa



NEPAL

Changing the story for struggling families

Birendra Shahi spent 14 years of his childhood living in orphanages. Now he works as a reintegration officer for our partners The Himalayan Innovative Society (THIS), helping to keep families in Nepal together and end orphanages there.

I was five years old when I went to institutional care, and I came out of there when I was nineteen years old. I still remember the first orphanage I was in. I remember seeing the hills in the distance, and thinking that my hometown was beyond them. It felt really far away.

"In my orphanage, there were over a hundred children. Six of us in a single bunk bed – three of us on the top, the rest below. We had to sleep in a straight position, and cover ourselves with a mattress while sleeping. I had to sleep like that for about two years.

"In another institution the staff used to beat us, scold us and take away our food to give to their families. Everything that belonged to us was taken by them. I felt like I had no one. I used to pretend that the big trees on the hills were my family, and that my family was around. I think I stayed there for six or seven years.

"I was rescued from an orphanage by THIS. When I was reunited with my family, I asked my mother why she sent me away. She said it was because she was so poor, and she'd been told I would get a proper education. She thought this was the best way to make sure I would have a good future."

"Now I work at THIS, and as part of the Shine network. We get young people together to make them feel connected, provide counselling services, and guide and support them to help each other out. You feel lighter when you have a space to do things like that. We're trying to become the voice for the children in orphanages, and the ones still at risk.

"We're also advocating on strengthening families. I explain my own story to community people, to government offices, to stakeholders, to donors so that they understood how I felt in orphanages. I explain that once you provide parents with support, they can improve their economic status and keep their children close."

Thanks to your support of our work, last year our partners in Nepal helped get 134 children out of orphanages and Back to Family, and train 117 new childcare professionals.

“I hope that no one else would ever have to go through those struggles.”



Birendra is helping to keep families together and children out of orphanages.

Kishor Sharma / Hope and Homes for Children

BULGARIA

Another orphanage closed!

In May, our Bulgaria team closed an orphanage in the city of Stara Zagora. Seeing the final child removed from the institution and placed in a safe family environment marked the culmination of years of hard work by our brilliant Bulgarian staff.

Once, there were 114 children with disabilities living at the Stara Zagora institution. But thanks to your support and the dedication of our team, every child living there has now been placed in a loving family environment where they'll get the care and support they need.

A decade of perseverance

The hard work to close the Stara Zagora Institution began in 2015, when our team signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Stara Zagora District Administration.

Since then, we've met with local officials to discuss topics such as improving interaction between

institutions, coping in crisis situations, and increasing the administration's capacity to work with foster families. We've also held dozens of meetings on specific cases of support for abandonment prevention and reintegration.

In 2022, all the children in the institution were assessed by a team of independent consultants (including experienced physicians) and a medical recommendation for appropriate care was made for each child.

We then held consultations with foster parents, social workers and foster care teams to encourage foster families to open their homes for children with disabilities. This work has enabled us to now place every child in the institution in a safe, supportive family environment.

A true success story

When we began working in Bulgaria in 2009, there were over 2,000 children under 3 confined in orphanages around the country – now that figure is 80. And Georgi Simeonov, our Bulgaria team's Executive Director, is determined that every child in Bulgaria will soon be Back to Family:

"We closed the institution in spite of everything. We will continue our mission and will not leave any child behind... Our work is our cause, and together we will eliminate the institutional care for children in the country."

Thanks to our team's incredible efforts, and the support of the Bulgarian Government, we are on target to have closed Bulgaria's final two large orphanages by the end of this year.

*Photo: Stara Zagora Institution, Bulgaria.
Hope and Homes for Children*

CLOSING ORPHANAGES

Gad's journey Back to Family

In the last issue of Hope, we told you about our work to close **Centre Saint Vincent** in Rwanda – and we're delighted to share the news that this orphanage is now finally closed for good!

Gad* was one of the last young people to leave Centre St Vincent (CSV), and his story highlights the incredible difference that getting children back to a loving family can make.

Born with a serious disability, Gad had been placed in CSV after his mother decided she could no longer support him. She hoped that Gad would get the specialist care he needed at CSV. But after 10 years there, Gad was still crawling. He couldn't feed himself, or use the toilet unaided. He didn't go to school, and was receiving no medical help.

As we worked to close CSV, our Rwanda team – along with Rwanda's National Child Development Agency and National Council of Persons with Disabilities – contacted Gad's uncle Simon* who was eager to give Gad the love and support he needed.

But Simon's home wasn't suitable for Gad to live in safely – it was a small house with no toilet, electricity or running water. So our team got to work, building a new toilet and kitchen area and connecting mains water and electricity. To allay Simon's fears about Gad's care costs, we helped him and his family start a small soap-making business and continue their farming so that they had a steady income.

With the house ready, Gad moved in with Simon, and the difference it has made for him is stunning. Today, he can walk independently, use the toilet without assistance, feed himself, and help with tasks at home. He's attending a disability-inclusive school, where he receives therapy and education, and he's also got access to the medical services he needs.

"The support we received changed everything", says Simon, "Today, Gad walks proudly down the road, more than a mile from home. He is learning new things every day – the progress is more than I ever imagined. He is a joy, and has brought us closer as a family."

For our Rwanda Country Director Vidivi Karangwa Immaculee, Gad's progress is a testament to the work your support is making possible around the world:

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Every story of reintegration reminds us why we do this work. These children, once hidden away in institutions, are now surrounded by love. Families bring healing, confidence, and joy. We have seen children like Gad transform, and it gives us courage to keep going. Love and care truly do wonders. They don't just change lives, they build them.

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Closed for good – Centre Saint Vincent, Rwanda.
Richard Munyaneza / Hope and Homes for Children

RWANDA

Meet Vidivi

In March, Vidivi Karangwa Immaculee was appointed as the new Country Director of Hope and Homes for Children in Rwanda. We sat down with Vidivi to find out more about her work, and her hopes for the future.

1. What would you like to achieve in your new role?

As Country Director, my vision is to see Rwanda free of all institutions – including those for children with disabilities – within a reasonable timeframe. I want to ensure that every child grows up in a safe, loving family environment.

2. What are your favourite things about your job?

What I love most is the opportunity to make a tangible difference in the lives of vulnerable children and families. It's incredibly rewarding to see the transformation that occurs when children are placed in loving family environments, where they can thrive and grow. Knowing that our work has a long-lasting impact on not just the children, but entire communities, is truly fulfilling.

3. What are the main challenges you face in your role?

One of the main ones is ensuring that childcare reform, particularly the closure of all institutions, remains a government priority in Rwanda. This includes ensuring it is properly budgeted, even as local authorities face increasing pressures.

Another is the limited effectiveness of local fundraising. Generating sustainable funding at the national level remains difficult, which can limit our ability to scale up and sustain impact without relying heavily on external support.

4. What's one thing you'd like people to know about our work?

That it's not just about changing the lives of the children we serve, it's about creating ripple

effects that positively impact their families, communities, local authorities, and society at large. By promoting family-based care and driving the closure of harmful institutions, we are building stronger, more inclusive communities that nurture and protect vulnerable children.

5. What are your hopes for the future?

As Country Director, my hope for the future is to see every child in Rwanda grow up in the love and security of a family, not in an institution. I envision a future where child protection systems are strong, inclusive, and sustainable, and where communities are empowered to care for their most vulnerable.

Most of all, I hope to witness a generation of children who are not only protected, but truly thriving, free to reach their full potential.

“Our supporters are vital to the success and reach of our work. Their commitment helps us protect vulnerable children here in Rwanda.”

Photo: Vidivi is leading our work to end orphanages in Rwanda. Hope and Homes for Children

Cigy's story

Thanks to the tireless work and dedication of our Rwanda team and support from people like you, Cigy* is now back with her mother Mutoni*.

When Cigy was born with disabilities, Mutoni did everything she could to support her daughter. She worked hard and took Cigy to nearby health facilities for care. But the pressure was immense, and her husband rejected Cigy completely.

Mutoni's marriage ended and she moved in with her mother, who helped her with Cigy and her two other young children. But when tragedy struck and Mutoni's mother died, local people convinced Mutoni to send Cigy to a residential institution for children with disabilities.

Life in the orphanage

Mutoni was heartbroken to send Cigy away, but she thought she was doing the best possible thing for her child. Yet in the orphanage, Cigy was

severely neglected and lived in appalling conditions. Instead of playing with the other children, she was bedbound, unable to move. “When I visited her” Mutoni says, “The stink was so overwhelming that I couldn't stay inside.”

Back to Family

Mutoni desperately wanted Cigy back with her family. But she was afraid she wouldn't be able to give her the care she needed. So our team provided Mutoni and her family with advice and emotional support, so they felt confident caring for Cigy when she returned.

To ensure the family had a stable foundation, we bought them a home so they could live with security and dignity. We also helped Mutoni to start her own business selling clothes, which has given the family more income and financial independence.

Our team arranged for Cigy to have regular sessions with a physiotherapist, beginning an incredible transformation. Within just three months of leaving the orphanage, Cigy had gained 10kg, regained the use of her hands and upper body, and begun to dance and respond to signals and sounds again.

Today, Cigy is thriving with the protection and care that only a loving family can provide. “She looks like the child I remember before she was placed in the institution”, Mutoni says.

“When I first met Mutoni”, says Richard Munyaneza, Safeguarding Coordinator at Hope and Homes for Children Rwanda, “she was very sad and unsure if she could care for Cigy. Now, seeing her happy and Cigy enjoying life with her family is amazing. It shows much can change with the right support.”

“You not only brought my daughter back to me – you gave us a home, a way to survive, and the strength to live again as a family.”

Mutoni, Cigy's mum

Cigy's* life has been transformed since she returned to her family.
Richard Munyaneza / Hope and Homes for Children

UKRAINE

A day with a case manager

For Viktoriia Loshkariova, a Hope and Homes for Children case manager in Ukraine, her work is more than just a job – it's a calling. We joined Viktoriia on a field visit, and discovered there's no such thing as a standard day when it comes to her work.



Viktoriia helps families find joy even in the toughest times.

Kidding around.

“I give families a chance to believe in themselves, so they can keep moving forward. And when I see that I have managed to change someone's life, I'm genuinely happy.”



For case worker Viktoriia, no two days are ever the same. Hope and Homes for Children

In Dnipro, the team is up at dawn, preparing for departure at 7am, when suddenly the sound of clucking chickens cuts through the morning noise. If you pause, you might even hear a hamster rustling in its cage among the bags.

“They are headed to a family”, says Viktoriia. “Farmers donated chickens so the family can raise them and gather eggs to help feed the children. And the hamster? He's for 12-year-old Danylo*. He has dreamed about having one for ages”.

Animals often become unexpected but meaningful support for the families we help. “But of course, we don't take animals on every visit”, Viktoriia laughs. “It depends entirely on the family's situation. Last year, I worked with a family where a little goat named Zirochka didn't just bring joy – she became the start of their business!”

The family Viktoriia is referring to had fled the war in Ukraine – Olia*, the mother, escaping the occupied zone with her

five children. Her husband stayed behind. The family arrived in a small village in the Dnipropetrovsk region with nothing but a few bags. Our team helped them find and set up a home, but work was hard to come by in such a remote area. Then the team had the random idea to gift the family a goat.

That tiny white goat immediately became a part of their family. One of Olia's sons, Little Adriiko* bonded with her, learning how to care for her and take responsibility. It was a huge emotional breakthrough for him.

Now the family not only has fresh milk – they are raising goats and making cheese to sell. A whole new life grew from that small act of kindness.

Reaching out to families

“It's a good day when there are roads to get to our families,” says Viktoriia. “Sometimes we head out to places where roads don't really exist – just dirt paths. We make it work. I need at least 2-3 hours

with each family. Only then I can give them the attention they need and deserve,” she explains.

The work of our case managers is always important – even when sometimes it is not that glamorous. Viktoriia mentions the time she helped a displaced mother with seven children who had been given an abandoned house in a village. The house hadn't been lived in for years and was in terrible shape.

The first step was to clean the outdoor toilet, so the children had somewhere safe to go. So Viktoriia, small and delicate, put on rubber gloves, grabbed a bucket, and went to work. Eventually, local school staff and neighbours joined in. Together, they made the toilet usable again.

Viktoriia strongly believes in this kind of teamwork – because while case managers may come and go, the families they work with stay. Long-term change only happens when the whole community gets involved: not just social workers, teachers,

doctors, and business owners, but neighbours and ordinary people too.

That's why Viktoriia takes a holistic approach. She doesn't just work with the child – she works with the whole family, and the community they're living in. Step by step, this approach helps rebuild bonds, strengthen families, and slowly brings healing where it's needed most.

The generational impact of orphanages

Viktoriia admits that one of the most common – and most heartbreaking – challenges is working with parents who grew up in orphanages or without consistent care. “They simply haven't been taught what it means to raise, nurture, or even love a child,” she says.

“I worked with a family where the mother, Lesia*, was raising 7 children. When I spoke to Lesia, I learned she had grown up without parents and had never been taught how to properly clean or care for a child.

So, I started from the basics – explaining everything step by step, then together we washed her daughter's hair and braided it. Of course, the change didn't happen overnight, but with each visit things improved – if you could only see what hairstyles she does for her children now! She's even begun making beautiful handmade hairbands and gifting them to other families!”

Viktoriia smiles fondly at the memory. “This, I think, is the greatest thing one can witness – when your work truly changes someone's fate,” Viktoriia says. “Each family is special to me. I've given a piece of myself to each of them and continue to do so, so they can have a better life.”

Late in the evening, Viktoriia finally returns to her own family and children – but she's already making plans for her next trip, determined that at least one more child will have a chance at a dignified and happy life in a loving family.

MORE FROM OUR TEAMS

Moldova: Creating new families



Vera and Delia are now part of a large and loving family. Ala Nosatii / Hope and Homes for Children

Vera was just three months old when she was placed in an institution for babies. She'd spent over two years living there when Tatiana went to meet her. "We were told she had developmental delays – but when I saw her, I knew she just needed love and stability."

With the support of her new family, Vera has thrived. She has learned to walk more steadily, play with her siblings, and even take charge of games. Her contagious joy now fills the family home with laughter.

And just a month after Vera joined the family, Delia

arrived too! She'd been separated from her parents and placed in an orphanage at the age of two months. Although she was now 18 months old, she still couldn't walk. "With us, she took her first steps on the fifth day!" Tatiana recalls, smiling. "It was like she was waiting for a family to help her grow."

Now, the two sisters are inseparable. They spend their days drawing, playing with clay, and laughing with their siblings. "They've transformed our lives, and we hope we've given them a brighter future," says Andrei.

Thanks to our brilliant team at CCF Moldova, proud parents Andrei* and Tatiana* have recently been able to welcome Vera* and Delia* to their growing family.

India: Keeping families together

Ankita's* story shows just one of the ways we're helping to protect children at risk of being placed in orphanages in India.

Ankita lost both her parents during childhood, and she and her elder sister Arpita* were raised by their uncle and aunt. After Arpita left home and got married, Ankita started feeling very lonely. She stopped going to school and taking care of

herself – often she'd go days without eating – and talked about moving to another city, which would have put at her at very high risk of being forced into child labour, trafficking or sexual abuse.

Our partners at CINI met with Ankita's aunt and uncle, and quickly realised that they were no longer able to provide Ankita with the care she needed while looking after their own children too.

So they contacted Arpita to see if it was possible for Ankita to stay with her. Arpita agreed, and Ankita is now living happily and safely with her sister and brother-in-law.

Thanks to the efforts and perseverance of local community workers and our partners, another child is safe from harm and can grow up in a loving family.

South Africa: Emergency responders

In South Africa, when children need to be urgently removed from harmful situations, it's often difficult for the authorities to find somewhere to house them. This puts children at high risk of being sent to orphanages or care homes.

"Orphanages are seen as the easy option" says Vhutshilo Mukwevho of Hope and Homes for Children South Africa, "there's the temptation for the authorities to just stick the child in an orphanage and close the case."

So our team has been working to train local volunteers to become Temporary Safety Parents (TSPs). These TSPs provide children with a safe family environment they can live in for up to three months, giving the local authorities and our team the chance to support parents so that they are able to look after their child. If that's not possible, they'll work to find a child a new family who can love and care for them.

Thanks to the work of our team, and amazing volunteers like Meghan*, we're able to help children remain with their families and get the support they need. Meghan is currently training to become a TSP, and is now just waiting for the green light from South Africa's Department of Social Development in order to begin her work.

"I have a passion for working with people in communities and people with disabilities and I want to help them." – Meghan, Trainee TSP.

One of the children Meghan will soon be helping is Bandile*, a young boy with autism whose parents were finding it extremely difficult to care for him. It had reached the point where they didn't know what to do, and there was a high risk of Bandile and his siblings being placed in an institution.

But the TSP programme will be able to prevent that happening. Bandile is currently getting the care and medication he needs, while he waits for Meghan to be approved to care for him. At the same time, his parents are receiving respite care, counselling and support to look after Bandile. Our team has also applied for the family to get a care dependency grant, so that they have financial support to care for Bandile when it is safe for him to return home.

“Our goal is to get the family in a stable position where they're able to cater for all their children. With the right support, the right resources, this is possible.”

Pauline Masera, Social Worker
Hope and Homes for Children
South Africa



Our South Africa team provide support in communities across the country.

Juliana Van Well Dias / Hope and Homes for Children

Romania:

“Sunny days full of sunshine, all will be fine”

Our team in Romania recount the first time they met Elena* (who they came to affectionately know as ‘Little Redhead’) and her mother Ana* – as well as the steps they took to provide the struggling family with essential support.

“It was a sunny day as our team walked down a quiet county road and spotted three children happily lounging in their backyard. Full of joy and smiles, the children called our team to play with them.

Elena, the red headed youngest, and her siblings sang merrily and recited poems.

Elena’s favourite refrain was “Sunny days full of sunshine, all will be fine”.

But for Elena’s mother Ana, everything was not fine. She had left her partner when his aggression towards her and the children became too much. Her children were much happier, but Ana was alone and struggling to bring up three children – including a son with severe disabilities – in a ramshackle house that wasn’t fit to live in.

Ana spent all her time cooking, cleaning and trying to find ways to earn money and care for the children. It was impossible for her to have a break, or any time for herself. She was dangerously close to burning out completely, but she knew if that happened her children would be taken from her.

Fortunately, our team were able to make sure Ana got the support she needed. We visited her and spoke about the issues she was facing, and what we could do to help.

A key challenge was accessing water and sanitation facilities, so we provided financial support that helped connect their home to the mains water supply.



Elena, aka Little Redhead, in her garden.
Hope and Homes for Children

Thanks to a mixture of kind donations and purchases, we were then able to create a proper bathroom in the house – complete with toilet, sink and bathtub – giving the children a safe and hygienic place to wash.

We also provided the family with food, household essentials and medicine for Ana’s son.

This support made a huge difference for Ana and her family. The pressure on her was lifted and she started smiling again. It’s amazing the difference having a little comfort can make, and now Ana is free to be a comfort to her children too. She now knows she is not alone, and that the road ahead will not be hard with our team by her side. Now, the two sisters are inseparable. They spend their days drawing, playing with clay, and laughing with their siblings. “They’ve transformed our lives, and we hope we’ve given them a brighter future,” says Andrei.



At Hope and Homes for Children, being accountable to children is at the heart of everything we do. Because true accountability means listening to children, acting on what they tell us, and ensuring their voices help shape the systems meant to support them.

If society were truly accountable to children, we wouldn’t deprive them of their liberty by confining them in institutions. If we prevent children’s voices from being heard, it harms efforts to protect them and promote respect for their rights.

But right now, children and young people – especially those with disabilities – are largely excluded from care decisions that affect them. This not only silences their voices, but risks getting it wrong. Too often, organisations fail to respond to children’s concerns, creating solutions that miss the mark for those they’re meant to help.

So there needs to be a real investment in accountability to children and young people. Which is why our team are working to rebalance the sector and ensure young

people’s authentic voices can drive care reform. We want to create a world that responds to their demands for access to support in their communities.

Radical accountability

At Hope and Homes for Children, we want to address the accountability gap in the care system and support young people to drive reform with their lived experience. Ensuring children and young people are equal partners in producing mechanisms that are accountable to them is essential. We call this radical accountability.

It’s a shift from token consultation to genuine partnership, with children and young people as equal partners in designing and shaping the mechanisms that hold systems to account. To create that radical accountability, we’ve initiated a two-year Knowledge Transfer Partnership with the

University of Leeds. Together, we’re working to embed child and youth-led accountability into everything we do. As part of this process, we’re working to:

1. **Ensure that voices of children and young people are heard by the people who can effect change.**
2. **Promote action based on what they’re telling us, and ensure we are held accountable for it.**
3. **Develop mechanisms to support children and young people’s agency, so they have the tools and space to safely challenge and influence decision makers, and hold them to account.**

Taking a genuinely child and youth-centred approach to accountability will help us to better support children and be more effective at deinstitutionalisation. It will also make us better at supporting others and ensure more organisations truly listen to, and act on, what children need to thrive.

Photo: Our Voices Matter Youth Summit participants, Bulgaria, May 2025.
Hope and Homes for Children

SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT

Walk on!

One day early this April, Chris Stanbury woke up, pulled on his boots and set off on a walk – from Land's End to John O'Groats and back again! Chris took on this incredible challenge (over 2,500 miles of walking!) to support our work. Chris has now completed his challenge, but we were able to catch up with him mid-walk for a quick chat:

1. Hi Chris, how many miles have you covered now?

1,317!

2. Wow! And what does a typical day look like for you during this challenge?

If I'm camping, I often get up around 5am and start walking at 6 or 7. If I'm in a hotel I get some work done whilst I have wi-fi and then have breakfast. I start looking for a place to camp at around 5pm - but I often have to walk 4 or 5 miles to find a good camping spot.

3. How do you manage rest and recovery between stages?

Rest, what's that? I've not had any rest days so far. I'm loving the walking too much to stop!

4. How are your feet holding up?

I've not had a single blister and no sore feet. Actually it's my shoulders that ache more than my feet.

5. What's been your favourite part of the route so far?

My favourite view was High Cup Nick on the Pennine Way. I loved Offa's Dyke Path and the Pennine Way too, but Scotland is also amazing. I've met so many amazing people it's difficult to remember them all. In the last few days I've had fun walking with Robyn, a veterinary student from Bristol, and a fascinating evening in a bothy with Andrew, a retired gardener at Balmoral who seems to have climbed pretty much every Munroe, Corbet and Graham in Scotland.



If you'd like to donate to Chris to support his incredible achievement, please visit www.justgiving.com/page/lejog70



The Vale of York Support Group has been one of our longest-standing and most dedicated fundraising groups. Over the years, they have organised countless events and **raised an incredible £300,000 in support of our work.**

As they now enter their final year, we want to express our deepest thanks for their unwavering commitment and generosity. Their support has made a lasting difference, and we are truly grateful they have helped so many children to get **Back to Family.**

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Shalon*, 21, and her daughter, Doris*, six, Rwanda.
Jean Bizimana / Hope and Homes for Children

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Once shut away inside an orphanage in Moldova, Lizuca* is spending this Christmas with her loving new family thanks to your generosity.
Jack Hill / The Times



What's on in 2025



We're a global movement fighting to bring millions of separated children Back to Family. Across the world, people like you are coming together to take action and change lives.

If you're up for a challenge, and want to be part of this inspiring community, we've got some fantastic events coming up. For more information, visit **go.hopeandhomes.org/WhatsOn** or email us at **fundraising@hopeandhomes.org**

2025

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October

London Royal Parks Half Marathon

Free registration

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December

Christmas Concert, London

Tickets: £25 adult, £10 child (under 18), and free for carers

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December

London Santa in the City 4.5k Fun Run

Free registration

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April

Brighton Marathon

Free registration

London Landmarks Half Marathon

£30 registration

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April

London Marathon

£100 registration

Entry fees and fundraising targets vary for each challenge.

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