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Helping children like Ihor* survive in a war zone.
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WELCOME

Pete Garratt,
Director of Global Programmes



However, we at Hope and Homes for Children retain the hope that is founded in the certainty that safe and loving families are the solution to the crises that children face.

2026 has seen the launch of our campaign to raise awareness of the impact on children living in conflict zones. Children without parental care – particularly those living in residential institutions – are often those most likely to be abandoned as these structures come under pressure and prove to be unable to protect the children they are employed to look after.

Family separation during flight, economic collapse, the breakdown of disability and community services, and disrupted kinship and foster care dramatically increase the likelihood that children will be placed in residential facilities away from the conflict zone – often under the guise of temporary protection.

However, we know that family solutions are both possible and preferable even during times of extreme conflict. Our experience in Ukraine and other countries experiencing conflict has underlined this message.

As we enter into Spring, we see signs of new life all around us, signs that point to a renewal of hope for what lies in front of us. We see this too in our mission to end the institutionalisation of children and give children the right to be in and back with family.

Most recently I spent a week with our team in Romania, where the transformation from a country with 100,000 children in large residential institutions to one where these do not exist any more is almost complete.

I saw for myself how families at the point of crisis, considering the heartbreaking decision to give up care of their children to the state, need a brief period of support to help them come through and reach stability. Working with the local authorities, our team provides the support and encouragement they need; a short package of help preventing the unnecessary separation of families and a lifetime of trauma.



Ihor has endured terrible tragedy.
Zavhorodnii Yevhen / Hope and Homes for Children

It's my very great pleasure to welcome you to the latest edition of our Hope Magazine, the title of which has never been more appropriate.

Last year brought so many global challenges that have increased the burden on families and children; in the countries where we work in Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa, we're seeing ever higher numbers of children at direct risk of being separated from parental care, driven by increased poverty, lack of support and by displacement and conflict.

Changes in the funding landscape has meant local organisations we work with have reduced the size of their teams or even closed their doors altogether.

Supporting families affected by conflict

UKRAINE



Ihor* was living with his grandmother Oksana* in Ukraine when a missile destroyed their home.

"I was playing with my friend," nine-year-old Ihor recalls. "There was a whistling sound and an explosion. Fragments poured in."

In a single moment, everything changed. Their home was gone, and Ihor and Oksana were forced to move to a small flat in another city.

They had very little with them. Food prices were rising, money was tight, and Ihor needed medical care.

That's when our team stepped in. Together, we helped the family settle into their new home, helping with emergency supplies and essentials like mattresses. We supported Ihor to attend medical appointments and access rehabilitation therapy, and provided psychological support to help them both begin to recover from the trauma they had experienced.

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Your organisation helped us a lot

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Oksana says. "Activities for children for one thing. You brought us a mattress, a blanket and a thermos cup, which will be good for the hospital. Then your psychologist comes to us, Daria is so good. She brings in games and different sweets."

Our team continues to visit Ihor and Oksana regularly as they rebuild their lives, step by step.

FAMILY ASSISTANTS

Supporting families, protecting childhoods



For families facing hardship, everyday life can feel overwhelming. When parents themselves have grown up in an orphanage, or without positive examples of care, the challenges multiply. Without help, children can grow up neglected, placing families at risk of separation. But this doesn't have to be the outcome.

Our experience shows that when families receive the right support at the right time, we can keep families together. And, crucially, that support is not only about material help or professional case management, important as those are. It's also about walking alongside parents and helping them build the skills, confidence and routines every family needs to thrive.

The role of Family Assistants

Family Assistants are rooted in the communities they serve, working directly with families raising young children who are at real risk of separation. They understand what it's like to live in a country that's had four years of conflict and the challenges that presents.

They visit families in their homes and take time to listen. What's more, they help parents build practical caregiving skills, from childcare and hygiene to cooking, household management and navigating education or employment systems.

Often, the work is about simple, essential things – learning how to prepare meals, wash nappies, enrol a child in kindergarten, or create a safer home environment. For children, the impact is profound.



Svitlana Kalachova,
Family Assistant with Milana*.
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Svitlana's story

Svitlana Kalachova knows this better than anyone. For the past two years, she's worked as a Family Assistant in Ukraine's Dnipropetrovsk region, supporting 16 families and helping protect the futures of 60 children.

"Every family is different," Svitlana explains. "When I visit for the first time, I start with a conversation over tea. Many of the families I meet have very little social interaction. Often, they simply need someone to listen."

Svitlana never does things for parents. She works with them, standing beside a mother as she learns, step by step, how to care for her children. "Only by doing it yourself do you learn," she says.

Travelling between villages in a small car affectionately known as "Swallow,"

“When I visit for the first time, I start with a conversation over tea. Many of the families I meet have very little social interaction. Often, they simply need someone to listen.
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Svitlana with her car, "Swallow".
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Svitlana reaches even the most remote families. Sometimes, her journeys include unexpected passengers, like the two chicks she once delivered to a family whose four-year-old son had long dreamed of having a chicken. The chicks became a source of joy for the child and a small source of stability for his mother. Every decision, Svitlana stresses, is made with parental consent and trust.

Some moments stay with her forever.

Supporting families through war

She recalls caring for the children of Kateryna, a mother who fled the war with five young children. When Kateryna had to leave urgently, Svitlana stayed behind. Days later, the youngest child reached out to her with a smile – a quiet moment of connection that spoke volumes.

Children often show their feelings in drawings. "They draw their homes, their families," Svitlana says softly. "Sometimes they draw me too."

The work of Family Assistants may look simple, but its impact is immense. By supporting parents, strengthening families and building trust within communities, they help ensure children grow up where they belong – Back to Family, safe, loved and protected.

What I do and what everyone in our organisation does is for the sake of the children, of how they feel, to have them feel happiness, love and joy.



ROMANIA'S LARGEST ORPHANAGE IS FINALLY CLOSED



One of the bedrooms in the Ion Holban orphanage.
Hope and Homes for Children



Our dedicated team in Romania has closed the country's largest orphanage, after 11 years of hard work. At last, these children are Back to Family.

Ion Holban, located in Iași County, Romania, was home to 215 children when our team started work to close the orphanage down. Over the years, a further 192 children were sent to live behind its walls. Children who deserved the love and care of a family.

Closing Ion Holban wasn't easy. It took years of negotiation with local authorities, training staff and new parents, and supporting families and children.

Today, at last, every child who lived at Ion Holban has been united with a family, placed in a family-style home or, if they were old enough, supported to independent living. And the doors to this institution are shut for good.

Courageous young people like Flavia, whom you can read about on the next page, are finally being given the chance to thrive.

Romania is on track to becoming one of the first orphanage-free countries in the world.

Since we started working in Romania, we've closed

81 orphanages and helped 7,115 children get Back to Family.

With only 20 orphanages left in the country, our dedicated team knows that, with your continued support, they have a winnable mission.

Photo: The refectory at Ion Holban was no substitute for the warmth, stability and love a child experiences when sharing a meal with family.

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Flavia's story: "I want to grow in a beautiful way"

Flavia* was sent to live at Ion Holban when she was just seven years old. Today, the orphanage is closed, and Flavia is flourishing and training to become a nurse.

"I see my childhood through nature, the seasons, the fruits, and the intricate details of each. Childhood reminds me of my first day at the new kindergarten, where my mother and younger brother were with me." Flavia says.

Sadly, Flavia's mum died when she was only seven years old. Shortly after, she and her siblings were sent to live at Ion Holban, Romania's largest orphanage.

Leaving the orphanage

Flavia was 18 and wanted to live on her own and support herself. Working with Mălina, Flavia's mentor, we helped her find a modest home and a job. Our team initially covered the cost of rent, food and hygiene products to help Flavia as she made the transition to living independently.

Now, she's supporting herself by working part-time in a supermarket, and is studying at medical school, specialising in rehabilitation nursing. We cover her annual tuition fees, while her salary allows her to manage her expenses and pay the rent.

A new life filled with beauty and hope

Flavia's inspirational story is one of determination, courage and hope. With ease and maturity, she speaks beautifully about who she is now, about the reasons behind her decisions, but especially about the people who support her.

"I want to grow in a beautiful way. I feel I have the power to offer more – both to the community I belong to and to myself. Of course, I began this difficult journey with fear of the unknown, without money. But when you have support, you gain courage and new wings.

Through the intervention and support of Hope and Homes for Children, I have become more determined and responsible, with the courage to move forward.

Recently, my wings have been polished by Mrs. Mălina, who helps me continue in this new stage. Wings that fly thanks to these wonderful people. Thank you all!"

Flavia, Romania. Having spent most of her childhood in an orphanage, she's now studying to become a nurse and has a bright future.

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TRANSFORMING CHILDHOODS

Launching a foster care programme in Nepal

Nepal has never had a foster care system – until now! Our partners have successfully launched a pilot programme with two municipalities, transforming care for children and young people.

If a child in Nepal loses their parents and has no relatives to care for them, the options are stark: an orphanage or the streets. But with our partners Forget Me Not and The Himalayan Innovative Society, and alongside local authorities, we've shown there is another way – family.

Piloting foster care in Nepal

90% of orphanages in Nepal are privately run, operating as businesses and run as tourist attractions to raise money, leaving children vulnerable to child trafficking, neglect and abuse. We've been working in Nepal since 2019, advocating to get children out of orphanages and Back to Family.

When we started work, foster care was simply a theoretical concept. There were no formal guidelines, no trained foster carers, and no clear process for placing children with families under the supervision of local authorities.

That's where we came in. Working with our partners, we set out to do something ambitious: help the government introduce Nepal's first ever formal foster care system.

Together, we piloted the project with two municipalities, educating local governments, running awareness campaigns, and identifying and training potential foster carers.

The success of the project

The pilot project took three years and, at the end, 56 potential foster carers had been identified, 52 trained, and 15 formally approved and registered by local authorities. In a landmark moment, the first formal foster care placements in Nepal were authorised and started in February 2025. Since then, four children have been placed in foster care.

We'd like to thank the Martin James Foundation for funding this project.



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This is the moment that **Sushma*** entered her foster parents' home for the first time.

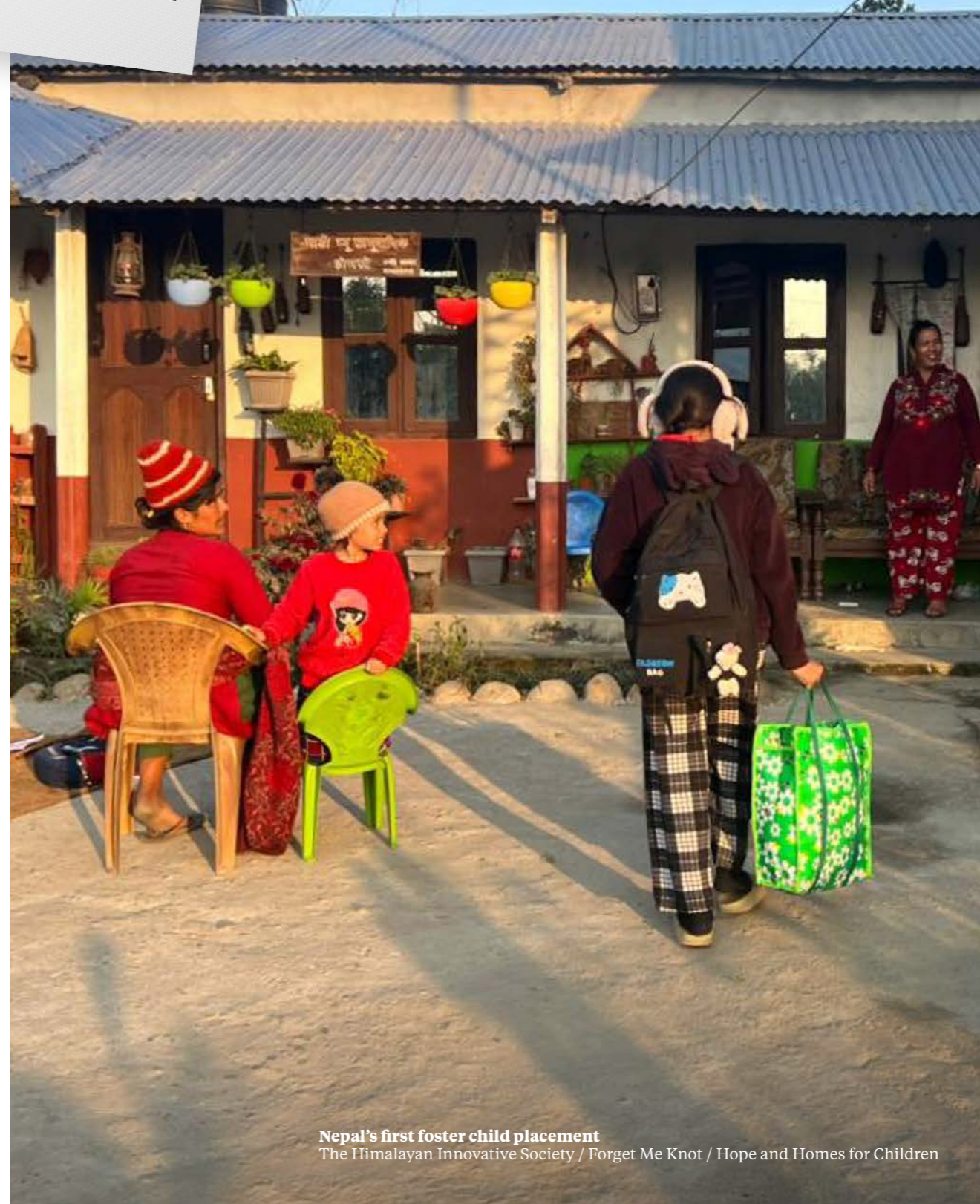
Our commitment to a child doesn't end with placement in a new home – in many ways, it's just the beginning. Our partners walk alongside families with steady, practical and emotional support for as long as it takes to build stability and confidence. At the same time, we work diligently to trace and reconnect with parents, supporting them as they rebuild their lives and create the conditions for their child to safely return home.

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At the beginning of my engagement, I wasn't quite sure what it would look like or feel like, or whether what we hoped to achieve would truly be possible given cultural and community barriers. But seeing the first young child move from a vulnerable situation into a loving and safe family filled me with deep happiness and a sense of security, and strengthened my belief that foster care is possible in our community. I now truly understand the saying, 'It takes a village to raise a child.' Supporting children to thrive in a natural family environment is a responsibility we all share.

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Phunjok Namgyal Lama
Senior Reintegration Officer
The Himalayan Innovative Society



Nepal's first foster child placement
The Himalayan Innovative Society / Forget Me Knot / Hope and Homes for Children

LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR FOSTER CARE IN NEPAL



Otto delivering foster care training.

Our partners ran foster care awareness and recruitment campaigns across two municipalities.

Our team was crucial to the launch of Nepal's first ever foster care system, and our Head of Learning and Engagement, **Otto Sestak**, took the lead in implementing the new strategy. We asked Otto about the scheme and his role in it.

1. Can you tell us about your role in launching foster care as a pilot project in Nepal?

My role was to provide technical support to the teams in Nepal – Forget Me Not (FMN) and The Himalayan Innovative Society (THIS) – and to design and deliver training on foster care. This included explaining the role of foster care within care reform, how to set it up, the recommended steps in the process, and how to design training for foster carers, including support and supervision.

Once the core theory was agreed, I continued to support the FMN and THIS teams by

setting up a remote helpdesk. This allowed me to provide advice when needed during case management and to offer ongoing technical support throughout the process.

2. How receptive were the communities to the idea of foster care?

At first, foster care felt like a strange and unfamiliar concept. As defined in Western social work, it seemed completely alien in the Nepali context.

The first step was finding common ground with partner teams by focusing on shared principles and values, rather than specific technical models. The next step was adapting

foster care to the local context. Once this was done, local teams were very successful in engaging communities, both at municipal and grassroots levels.

3. What was the most challenging part of your job?

The biggest challenge was helping local actors move from the belief that foster care was “not possible in our context” to fully embracing the idea.

£300

could help recruit and train a new foster parent and bring a child

BACK TO FAMILY ♥

4. What was the most rewarding part of your job?

Seeing the first formal approval and registration of foster care, and the first child successfully placed with a foster family. This was the success story everyone needed.

After this milestone, local teams became more confident, more motivated to continue and began to think about scaling up. At one point, a neighbouring municipality even asked for technical support to set up foster care themselves.

5. What support are the new families receiving to help keep them together?

Support varies, but mainly includes counselling, supervision and help accessing existing services.

The period after a child moves into a family is the most sensitive. Both the child and the family need support to adjust to each other. When planned well, timely counselling, advice, connections to services, or simply having an empathetic listener, can be enough to help everyone through challenging moments.

6. What's next for our team and partners to get children in Nepal Back to Family?

We need to continue the work. That means continuing to advise government at both local and national levels on how to scale foster care. Targeting institutions and offering foster care as an alternative to placing children in orphanages. Developing strong, practical policies on foster care and family-based care, and linking these with community support, gatekeeping and family-strengthening services, so that foster care and other family-based options become the norm in Nepal.

♥ We urgently need funding to replicate this project in the Karnali Province, one of the most remote provinces of Nepal. It's one of the main regions where children are separated from their families and trafficked into orphanages in Kathmandu and other tourist destinations. If you'd like to support this project, please donate at donate.hopeandhomes.org or email us for more information at hhc@hopeandhomes.org

RWANDA



New Community Hub opens

In Musanze District, northern Rwanda, a powerful shift is taking place. Our team have recently opened a new Inclusive Community Hub – a safe, welcoming space where children and young people with disabilities can receive the support they need while staying with their families, not in institutions.

“
Today, I wake up
and see her smile at
home. That is a joy
I cannot describe.
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Isheja, Claire’s mum



Claire and her mum, Isheja*.
Mushimiyimana Cadeau /
Hope and Homes for Children

You may remember from previous editions of Hope Magazine that our team closed the Centre St Vincent orphanage in Musanze and helped all the children living there get Back to Family.

Now, in the same village where families were once kept apart, our team has opened a Community Hub that is keeping families together. Families like Claire’s*.

Children like Claire, born in the district with a disability, were often sent to live at Centre St Vincent, separated from love, community and opportunity. All because the practical support these families needed simply did not exist.

But now, for children and young people like Claire, everything has changed.

The New Hub

The new Hub offers early childhood support, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, transitional education and family-centred services, all within the community. Already, 85 children and young people are receiving help, and at full capacity it will support up to 150 people.

For families who once felt they had no choice but to send their children to institutions, the Hub provides a lifeline – practical support, professional care, and the reassurance that their child can thrive at home.

This Hub is more than a building. It’s a statement that every child belongs in a family, and every community can become a place of inclusion, dignity and hope.

Photo: Richard Munyanesa /
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MOLDOVA

Mia is home again thanks to her dad’s love



Mia’s* story begins with heartbreak. But it grows into something far stronger – a story of love, determination, and a child brought Back to Family.

Mia was just four when she was separated from her family and placed in an orphanage. Her dad Victor* had been working abroad, trying to make ends meet. By the time he learned what had happened, it was too late.

For Victor, the news was devastating. But he made a promise – he would do whatever it took to bring his daughter home.

Mia’s journey Back to Family

When Victor returned to Moldova, he found his home had fallen into disrepair. Still, he refused to give up. Brick by brick, he began rebuilding. Not just the house, but a future with Mia. That’s when we stepped in.

Photo: Victor reunited with his daughter, Mia.
Ludmila Slobodcicov / Hope and Homes for Children

Our team provided the practical, emotional and legal support Victor needed to make reunification possible. We helped repair the house, supplied essential items, and worked closely with local authorities to create a personalised plan that would allow Mia to return home safely.

Together again

Today, Mia is exactly where she belongs – at home with her dad. She goes to kindergarten each day. And when Victor works nights, she is cared for by relatives. Their house is nearly fully renovated, and Mia is rediscovering the simple joys of childhood: routine, play, and the security of being loved.

Thanks to our committed team, and to caring people like you, Mia is Back to Family. And her future is as bright as the home her dad worked so hard to rebuild.



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Seeing Mia safe
at home, smiling
again, reminds
us why this work
matters so much.
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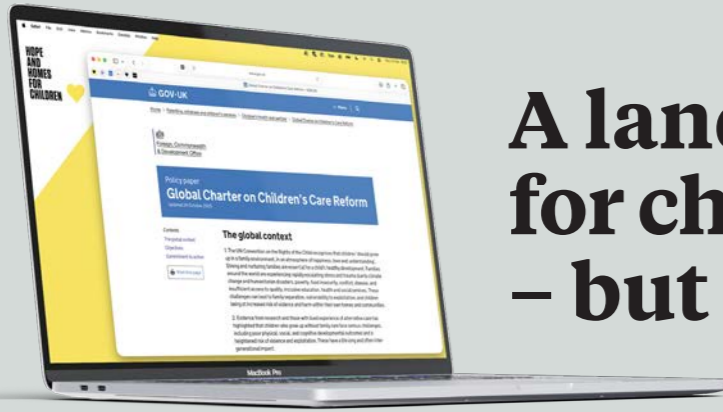
Mia’s case worker, Moldova



Mia at her new home.
Ludmila Slobodcicov /
Hope and Homes for Children

GLOBAL CHARTER

A landmark moment for children everywhere – but only if we act now



The Global Charter on Children's Care Reform has been launched at the United Nations General Assembly, marking a decisive global commitment to ensure every child can grow up safe, loved and supported by a family.

L launched by governments and global partners, the Charter makes a clear statement – orphanages are not the answer. Grounded in children's rights under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, it calls for a global shift away from institutional care and towards families, communities and strong care systems that nurture children.

The Charter sets out urgent, coordinated action for governments and civil society to:

- ♥ Strengthen families and prevent unnecessary separation
- ♥ Ensure safe, family-based alternative care when children cannot live at home
- ♥ Progressively end institutional care for children worldwide

It also confronts harmful practices head-on, including orphanage tourism, under-funded institutions, and the neglect of children with disabilities. It calls for sustained investment in inclusive social support, after-care services, disability-inclusive provision, and ethical foster and adoptive care.

For us, this Charter confirms something we have always known – this mission is not a fringe idea. It is a winnable one. Momentum is building, and the world is starting to move Back to Family.

But commitments on paper are only the beginning.

Real change depends on holding leaders to account, translating promises into action, and ensuring families receive the support they need to stay together.

With continued commitment and continued support, this moment can help turn global ambition into lasting change for children everywhere.

“When children are out of sight, they're too often out of mind – and in danger. A century of research proves this.”

Mark Waddington, CEO,
Hope and Homes for Children



OUR VOICES MATTER

Putting children and young people at the heart of accountability



Children and young people are experts on their own lives. Our Voices Matter (OVM) ensures those with lived experience of care are heard, respected, and able to hold systems to account. Our Head of Safeguarding and Children's Accountability, Joe Glackin, writes:

We established Our Voices Matter in 2021 as an international, youth-led accountability mechanism. It empowers children and young people – many with lived experience of care – to hold organisations (including Hope and Homes for Children), communities, and governments accountable for how childcare systems are designed and delivered.

Today, OVM brings together around 100 young people across Romania, Ukraine, South Africa, Rwanda, Moldova and Bulgaria. They represent a wide range of experiences, united by a shared determination to improve the lives of children and young people in care, or at risk of being separated from their families.

Photo: Children and young people at the Our Voices Matter Summit, Bulgaria.
Hope and Homes for Children

Reaching milestones

In 2025, a major milestone was reached when OVM held its first in-person Youth Summits, hosted in Sofia and Kigali. Forty young people from across the six countries came together for the first time. The summits were designed not only as working spaces, but as opportunities for connection, learning and cultural exchange.

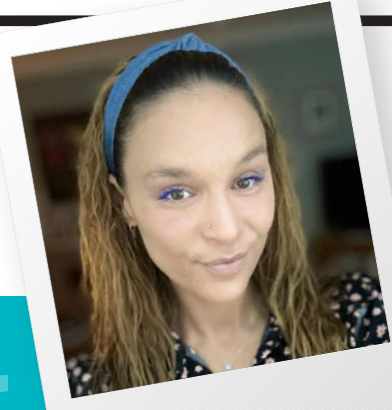
At their core were shared values of accountability, empathy, equity and meaningful participation – all focused on influencing the policies and practices that shape children's lives.

“True accountability means listening to children and acting on what they tell us.”

Future plans

Following the summits, the young people worked with us to develop the OVM Charter. This sets out a clear commitment from across the organisation – from young people to country directors and UK senior leadership – to being accountable to children and young people. In time, it will also be signed by external partners, including governments and community leaders.

Alongside this, we're establishing a Global Youth Advisory Group, made up of young people elected by their peers. With the right support, they'll bring lived experience directly into strategic and policy discussions at the highest levels of the organisation, ensuring children's voices help shape the decisions that affect their futures.



JO'S STORY

Jo was just a baby when she was sent to live in an orphanage. But, thanks to loving parents who adopted her and her own determination to overcome adversity, today Jo is thriving. What's more, she volunteers for Hope and Homes for Children, helping us fight for every child living in an orphanage to get Back to Family. This is her story.

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Today, my life is built around things that once felt unfamiliar to me: safety, routine and connection. I work, I show up for my recovery, and I'm learning how to live with myself rather than just survive. This life didn't come easily. I didn't begin life surrounded by love or stability – I began it in an orphanage.

Growing up in an orphanage isn't just about what happens to you; it's about what doesn't. There was no consistent adult, no one person whose job it was to know me, comfort me, or respond when I cried.

Basic human needs – touch, reassurance, emotional safety – weren't reliably met. Children learn very early whether the world is safe or not.

In the orphanage, I learned to exist in survival mode. It wasn't that terrible things happened all the time; it was that good things rarely did.

Eventually, I left the orphanage and was adopted. This wasn't a simple or magical transition – it was confusing, frightening and hopeful, all at once. I didn't suddenly feel “saved.” I was a child trying to understand a completely new world, language and set of expectations. Adoption was my lived reality, not a fairytale ending, but it was a turning point that changed the direction of my life.



Jo with her adoptive Mum and Dad, who gave her the unconditional love that she needed to thrive.
Hope and Homes for Children



What made the biggest difference wasn't material comfort – it was being part of a family.

Having adults who noticed me, who stayed, who kept showing up even when I struggled. I began to learn what consistency looked like. What love felt like when it didn't disappear. My mum wrote me letters that I still hold onto – words that told me I mattered, that I was wanted, that I was safe. Those messages slowly rewired something deep inside me.

Life now looks very different. I'm not untouched by my early experiences – they shaped my nervous system, my relationships, and how I see myself – but they did not define my ending.

One of the most powerful moments in my life was finding Anca, someone connected to my earliest years. That connection helped me reclaim parts of my identity I didn't even realise were missing. It reminded me that my story didn't begin or end in an institution – it began with humanity.

I found Hope and Homes for Children because their mission aligned deeply with my lived truth. They don't just respond to harm – they prevent it. They work to close orphanages and support children to grow up in families, where they belong. I wanted to volunteer because this isn't abstract to me. This is personal. This is my life.

If I could get the general public to understand just one thing about orphanages, it would be this: children don't need institutions, even well-intentioned ones – they need families. No building, no matter how clean or funded, can replace love, attachment, and one adult who stays.

I am living proof that when children are given family, safety and connection, they can grow beyond even the hardest beginnings.

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Jo spent the first months of her life in an orphanage.

SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT

Meet the women going the extra mile for children

“We’re friends who live in Munich, balancing demanding jobs with the things that make us happiest: time together, movement and being outside while always planning the next sport session or the next run. We’re taking on the London Landmarks Half Marathon as our first big running challenge together to help get children Back to Family!

The race takes place on 12 April 2026, so our more structured training began shortly after we registered. Since then, weekend runs followed by coffee have become our ritual, and we complement them with strength classes to stay injury-free and enjoy time together. Unfortunately, due to injury, Laura has had to step down from the run but will still be fundraising and joining the team to cheer us on from the side lines.

Originally from Hamburg, Frankfurt and Düsseldorf, all three of us have made Munich our home. Most of our training happens along the Isar and in the Englischer Garten where we love the mix of nature, flat paths and city energy. Our New Year’s trip to Sweden turned into a mini training camp with icy runs, laughter and a lot of hot chocolates afterwards. And even an ice bath in the lake!

We chose to support Hope and Homes for Children because the charity works globally to move children out of institutions into safe, loving family-based care and to keep vulnerable families together.

For us, this cause feels very close to home:

♥ If you’d like to fundraise to help us get more separated children Back to Family, you can find out more information at hopeandhomes.org/get-involved



Franzzi and Laura

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All three of us grew up in supportive families, and on our long runs we often talk about how different our lives would look without that stability, love and encouragement.
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As independent women who have the freedom to chase goals from half marathons to career dreams, we want every child to have the same chance to feel safe, loved and able to dream big about their future!”



Sophie and Laura

Leave a gift in your Will

Many people consider leaving a gift in their Will to help causes that they care about. We asked Rebecca Druce, a Solicitor at Wilsons Solicitors LLP, to answer some of the most common questions that people have about writing a Will in the UK.

1. Should I write a Will?

The answer is always a simple Yes!

2. What are the roles in a Will?

Generally, the Will is split into executors and beneficiaries. The executors are legally responsible for administering the estate of the person who has died in accordance with the Will. The beneficiaries will receive any assets left to them under the Will.

3. How can a charity benefit?

In several ways! You can leave a cash sum to a charity, an asset to the charity (such as a property) or you can name them as receiving the whole or part of your estate once any liabilities have been paid. In other words, the rest of the pot.

4. What happens if I die without a Will?

Your estate will pass in accordance with the intestacy rules. These rules do not often reflect your intention and will not include any form of charitable giving, even if you have been a lifelong supporter of a charity.

5. Can I leave money to my family and a charity?

Absolutely! You should consider if you would like your family or charity of choice to receive a fixed sum, an asset or a share of the estate.

6. How can I reduce any inheritance tax?

If you leave all your assets to a registered charity, there will be no inheritance tax payable. If you leave a gift of worth at least 10% of the net value of your assets, the inheritance tax rate can be reduced to 36%. You should ensure your Will is up to date and reflects your wishes. If you have not written one, do not delay any further!

We’re very grateful to everyone who has chosen to support our work in this special way. Every gift, large or small, makes an enormous difference to our work.

♥ If you’d like more information on how you can help get separated children Back to Family by leaving a gift in your Will, you can contact us at mysupport@hopeandhomes.org

Q&A

Rebecca Druce
Solicitor, Wilsons
Solicitors LLP

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What's on in 2026



We're on a mission 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'd like 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

2026

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June

Lake District Ultra Challenge

Registration fee:
£20 (10km), £30 (29km), £50 (100km)
Location: Southern Lake District, England

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October

Royal Parks Half Marathon

Registration fee: £30
Location: London, England

14
November

Midlands Ball

Ticket fee: £120
Location: Midlands, England

1
December

Christmas Concert

Location: London, England

6
December

Valencia Marathon

Registration fee: £49
Location: Valencia, Spain

Anytime

Sky Dive

Registration fee: £50
Locations: Salisbury in Wiltshire,
Headcorn in Kent or Swansea in Wales

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