



hope and homes
for children

impact report
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FAMILIES. NOT ORPHANAGES.

Orphanages do not protect children. They harm them. Which is why we are working towards a day where every child can grow up in a loving family.

Hope and Homes for Children is a global expert in the field of deinstitutionalisation – supporting children into loving families and preventing family breakdown. With your support we are building a global movement that will eliminate orphanages in our lifetime.

Our mission
To be the catalyst for the global elimination of institutional care of children.

Our vision
A world in which children no longer suffer institutional care.

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WE HAVE MUCH TO CELEBRATE



MARK WADDINGTON,
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



Because of your generous support, we have much to celebrate.

Last year 39,000 children benefited from the prevention services that we helped local authorities to set up. These are essential services that ensure children do not end up living without a family or isolated from their communities in orphanages. At just over 70p per day per child, that's not a cost, it's an investment. And national governments across many of the countries we work in are now committed to scaling up these services to benefit many more children. The impact continues to ripple outward.

We share more statistics, showing what we have achieved with your support, on page 6. Please do take a look.

But what do these numbers actually mean? Behind these statistics are individual children. Children like Sara and Amela.

Sara, two and Amela, five, live with their mother, Jasmina, in Sarajevo. They had endured beating after beating from their father, before Jasmina eventually took the girls and left. But with youth unemployment at 63% in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Jasmina struggled

to find work. The girls were taken from her and placed in a soulless state orphanage. It was almost as if they were being punished for their father's repeated brutality.

But Jasmina was not for giving up on her daughters.

Hope and Homes for Children worked with our local authority partners to reunite Jasmina, Amela and Sara and helped them find a small apartment in Sarajevo. Jasmina was supported to find a job and Sara and Amela were enrolled in nursery. They are rebuilding their lives together and making good progress. Sara and Amela are happy because they are in a safe environment with the love of their mum. They have a future and hope.

Realising our vision – a world in which children no longer suffer institutional care – is as much about what is left behind as what is removed. Eliminating orphanages requires us to support local authorities and governments to develop prevention services to stop children like Sara and Amela from being separated from their families in the first place.



Support from our team in Bosnia and Herzegovina prevented Edin (waving) and his siblings from being placed in an orphanage when they were at risk of separation from their parents and one another.

Photo: HHC/Steve Coffey

It also requires us to develop alternative family and community-based arrangements for those children who, when necessary, are placed into care. And it requires us to place all those children who are confined within orphanages back with their families or, if this is not in their best interests, in other suitable family settings which are most appropriate for their individual needs. An important part of eliminating orphanages, therefore, is the training we provide to equip social workers and other professionals with the skills to provide ongoing support to children and families.

Over the last five years, one million children like Sara and Amela were protected thanks to you. That's one million children growing up in loving, protective families who would

otherwise be suffering. The next phase of our strategy, which we launch this year, will build on all our achievements by making orphanages an unacceptable way of looking after children. This will mean that instead of having to push uphill with the practical work we deliver on the ground, we will have more momentum pushing downhill and will be getting ever closer to the elimination of orphanages globally.

Having you with us on this journey is essential. You are helping to make the world the kind of place we want our children to grow up in.

Thank you so very much for your commitment.

AT A GLANCE

The impact of your support for children in 2017 and since we launched our strategy in January 2013.

39,120

CHILDREN PREVENTED FROM SEPARATING FROM FAMILIES AND ENTERING INSTITUTIONS IN 2017

52,410

SINCE JANUARY 2013

680

CHILDREN SUPPORTED TO MOVE FROM INSTITUTIONS TO FAMILY AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE IN 2017

6,120

SINCE JANUARY 2013

5,000

SOCIAL WORKERS, CHILD PROTECTION AND OTHER CHILDCARE PROFESSIONALS & VOLUNTEERS

TRAINED

IN 2017 (22,672 SINCE 2013)

BENEFITING AN ESTIMATED

250,000

CHILDREN

(1,133,600 SINCE 2013)

6

ORPHANAGES CLOSED IN 2017

103

SINCE 1999

136

NATIONAL PARTNERS

21

COUNTRIES OF INFLUENCE

3

STRATEGIC PROJECTS

7

NATIONAL PROGRAMS

RECORD HIGH

£10 MILLION

ORGANISATIONAL INCOME IN 2017*

*This is management data. Hope and Homes for Children's full, audited accounts will be published later in 2018.

REPORTING BACK

In 2017, we set ourselves four priorities to help us maximise our impact for children. Here we highlight some of the year's key achievements in relation to these goals.



Triplets, Ben, Bryan and Billy, are growing up together, cared for by their mother, Grace, with the support of our partner organisation in Uganda, Child's i Foundation.

Photo: HHC/Steve Coffey

1. ASSESS THE READINESS TO TRANSFORM CHILD PROTECTION IN THE COUNTRIES WHERE WE HAVE INFLUENCE AND TO DRIVE THAT READINESS FORWARD SO THAT REFORM GAINS MOMENTUM

- ♥ **India: Sharing learning**
 In October, we began a new project in Jarkand state with our partners CINI (Children in Need Institute), to demonstrate how children can be cared for and protected without institutions, to train state and non-governmental groups to develop and deliver alternative care and to raise awareness about the harmful effects of orphanages.
 - ♥ **South Africa: One Child One Family**
 In South Africa, we now have the full support of all key stakeholders for the One Child One Family project in Gauteng Province. In December, the Gauteng Department of Social Development adopted our Assisted Family Support model for use at all 13 of the province's children's institutions, underlining their belief in both our vision and methodology. The ultimate aim of One Child One Family is to make Guateng the first institution-free province in South Africa.
 - ♥ **Africa: Together we're stronger**
 In November, Transform Alliance Africa, a coalition of Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) initiated by Hope and Homes for Children, celebrated its first anniversary with the launch of a website, advocacy strategy and business plan. The Alliance is a collective of 13 organisations from six countries in Southern, East and West Africa, committed to ending institutional care of children.
 - ♥ **Latin America and the Caribbean: Joining forces for change**
 In partnership with UNICEF LACRO, we began to develop guidance for governments in the region on planning for deinstitutionalisation to be piloted and published in 2018. We also provided strategic support and contributed to dialogue, initiatives and the efforts of national and regional NGOs including Brazil's National Movement for Family and Community Life, and the Latin American Network of Care Leavers.
 - ♥ **Uganda: Building a team of social care professionals**
 Our strategic project in Uganda is now well established. In partnership with Child's i Foundation, we continued work to develop and implement a training programme for child protection professionals. This included training staff in an institution targeted for closure, to assess children for family or community placements and the production of a handbook for social workers in East and Southern Africa with a specific focus on Uganda and Rwanda.
- Following the death of 41 children in a fire at an over-crowded institution for girls in Guatemala in March 2017, we joined calls for governments to commit to a world without orphanages and began work with UNICEF to help the Guatemalan Government ensure that its response to the tragedy marks the beginning of a fundamental change in the way it cares for vulnerable children.

♥ **Monitoring global progress**

We continued to support the introduction and roll out of the Tracking Progress Tool - a free web-based diagnostic and learning programme designed to help track the progress of countries and regions in implementing the UN Guidelines on Alternative Care of Children.

♥ **Making the case for reform**

During the course of 2017, our Programmes and Advocacy team provided strategic advice to our country teams and partners to help develop and implement national advocacy strategies with a particular focus on Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, South Africa, Ghana, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Sri Lanka.

KICK STARTING CHILD PROTECTION REFORM IN UKRAINE

One of our most significant achievements in 2017 came in Ukraine. Our team played a key role in shaping and winning Government approval for a national strategy and action plan to replace the country's vast complex of orphanages with a child protection system that ensures children can grow up in family or community-based care.

Crucially, the strategy includes a commitment to stop children under three being placed in institutions of any kind by 2020.

This breakthrough comes after years of effort by our team in Ukraine, working with the Government and like-minded national and international

NGOs, and builds on two other recent landmark achievements:

- ♥ Official recognition of our innovative Family Support Centres as part of the child protection system in Ukraine, unlocking Government funding and enabling these services to be replicated across the country (November 2016)
- ♥ Publication of *The Illusion of Protection* the first national audit of the child protection system in Ukraine, which provided the hard evidence and data needed to drive reform (December 2016).

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In a country where the political situation is so challenging, a country that still has the highest number of children in institutions in Europe (almost 100,000) we managed through the dedication of our team to finally catalyse the government to put children high on their agenda and to sign up to a strategy for deinstitutionalisation.

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Delia Pop, Director of Programmes and Global Advocacy, Hope and Homes for Children



Day care services at Community Hubs in Rwanda, developed by Hope and Homes for Children, mean parents can work, knowing their children are safe and happy.

IRYNA'S STORY



Iryna was in her early twenties when she gave birth to her daughter, Daryna, but her own traumatic childhood meant she had no idea how to be a mother.

Iryna's father was a violent alcoholic who beat his wife and children. The only memories Iryna has of her earliest years are of feeling cold, hungry and afraid.

When she was six years old, the authorities finally stepped in. They decided that the best way to protect Iryna and her siblings was to separate them from their mother and one another and send them to grow up alone in the Ukraine orphanage system.

Iryna had never been to school and the abuse and neglect she had suffered meant her speech had been delayed. She was quickly but mistakenly diagnosed as having learning difficulties and sent to a specialist boarding school. In reality, this place was little better than a prison where children whose parents couldn't care for them without support were warehoused and left to survive as best they could.

The years that Iryna spent in the institution scarred her for life, physically and emotionally. She was humiliated by the staff and beaten and sexually abused by the older children.

Unsurprisingly, when Iryna turned 18 and was expected to fend for herself, history quickly began to repeat itself. She started a relationship with a man who was addicted

to alcohol, who mocked and assaulted her. When Daryna was born, she was bewildered. No one had ever cared for Iryna and she did not know how to care for her baby. Overcome by depression and with no one to turn to, Iryna was in danger of losing her own daughter to an orphanage.

Thankfully, the head of the rural council in the village where Iryna lived, approached staff at the local Family Support Centre, established by Hope and Homes for Children, to see if they could help.

"You have to take this young woman on or we will take her baby away," he said. "She cannot do anything, she does not understand anything, and the child will die with her!"

Among the services the Centre provides is a Mother and Baby Unit where vulnerable new mothers like Iryna can learn the skills and find the confidence they need to take care of their babies and break the cycle of abandonment and institutionalisation.

On her first day at the Centre, Iryna kept her eyes fixed on the floor. She didn't show any interest in Daryna. She didn't want to pick her up or even look at her, let alone feed her. She simply waited for the staff to tell her what to do.

We arranged nine months of intensive counselling for Iryna to help her increase her self-esteem and cope with her depression. At the same time, our family support workers taught Iryna all the basic skills she needed to care for her daughter and herself. They helped her to establish a bond with Daryna and develop her parenting skills. Day by day Iryna's relationship with Daryna deepened. She learned to love her baby and to become a mother.

A year on, Iryna felt that she had the self-confidence and the practical skills she needed to care for herself and her baby independently. Today, they live in a small apartment provided by the local authority and they have the support of their neighbours in the village. Iryna knows that she and Daryna no longer have to face the future alone.



By providing the right support at the right time, Hope and Homes for Children in Ukraine helped to break the cycle of orphanage care for Iryna and her daughter, Daryna.

Photo: HHC

2. DOCUMENT AND SHARE OUR LEARNING ON HOW TO DELIVER REFORM, AND EXPAND THE TRAINING SUPPORT WE OFFER SO THAT OTHERS CAN WORK WITH US TO ELIMINATE INSTITUTIONAL CARE OF CHILDREN

Engaging and inspiring professionals
 Twelve months after we established an Engagement and Learning team we have inspired and trained over 500 individuals outside our countries of operation to deliver child protection system reform. These people included professionals working with children in NGOs and government agencies, many of them decision makers and leaders.

Training for reform
 In Africa, drawing on the skills and expertise of our staff in Rwanda, we have developed a strong team of global trainers and deployed them to support projects in Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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You think you know everything. And then someone like you comes along and blows your mind! Now we know we have been wrong in the way we thought we were caring for the children. But it took someone like you to come over and tell us different and now we are convinced there can be a better way!

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A staff member at a local orphanage, following a training session in Zimbabwe

Africa: advancing advocacy

In addition to training on deinstitutionalisation and family support, we have trained 45 professionals across seven African countries on advocacy approaches, tools and techniques and supported the delivery of four awareness raising sessions in the East and Southern Africa region to further spread our message and influence Governments, donors, media and civil society organisations.

Latin America: building capacity

In Latin America and the Caribbean we continued to work with our partner, RELAF, to support the Centre of Excellence for Children, a learning platform that trains, supports and strengthens the human resources needed to implement deinstitutionalisation across the region. As a result, in 2017 we provided face-to-face and online training for 123 child care professionals from eight countries.

Sharing our learning online

We have developed and launched our first set of video tutorials, supported the launch of an online training course about the UN Guidelines on Alternative Care and a further training programme on Alternative Care in Emergencies.

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After this training, I clearly understand the meaning of child rights in practice, the feelings of a child in an institution. Also, I am absolutely convinced that family is better than an institution even if it is very well equipped. My vision is completely changed. I want to work on a new way, please teach us.

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Participant in DI training in Ukraine

3. DELIVER OUR 100TH ORPHANAGE CLOSURE WORLDWIDE AND CELEBRATE HOW THESE CLOSURES BUILD THE MOMENTUM TO TRIGGER GLOBAL REFORM

100th closure symbolises wider impact

In June, we celebrated the 100th orphanage closure in our organisation’s history when the last child left the Home of Mercy in Kigali, Rwanda. All the children who had been confined to the institution are now living in family or community-based care.

Reaching 100 orphanage closures is a significant achievement and represents thousands of children saved from institutional care and placed in loving families. Closing orphanage buildings and placing

children in families, however, is just part of the work we do. The 100th closure also symbolises many thousands more children prevented from entering institutional care in the first place through our work with governments to tackle the root causes of family breakdown.

In an article for the Summer 2017 edition of Hope magazine, Stefan Darabus, Regional Operations Director for Hope and Homes for Children in Central and Southern Europe wrote:

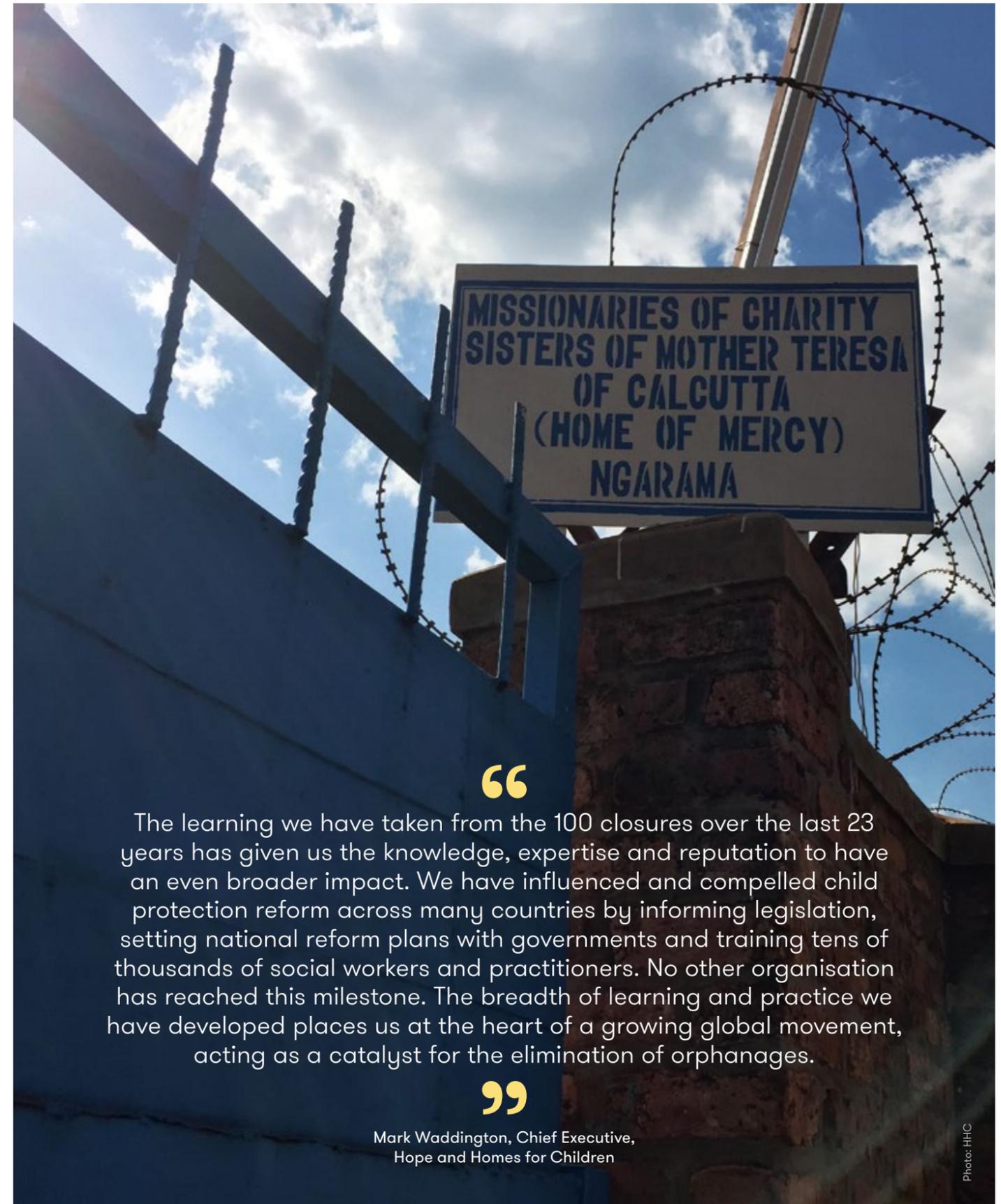
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I like to think about orphanage closures in terms of the butterfly effect; the idea that small changes can lead to much larger ones, that a butterfly fluttering its wings on one continent might eventually lead to a hurricane on another. What Hope and Homes for Children works to achieve is not just the closure of single institutions. Our goal is to be the catalyst for a fundamental shift away from systems that rely on abusive institutions to systems which respect children as individuals and offer those children the love and protection of a family.

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Our work in the East and Southern Africa Region is supported with UK aid from the UK Government.



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The learning we have taken from the 100 closures over the last 23 years has given us the knowledge, expertise and reputation to have an even broader impact. We have influenced and compelled child protection reform across many countries by informing legislation, setting national reform plans with governments and training tens of thousands of social workers and practitioners. No other organisation has reached this milestone. The breadth of learning and practice we have developed places us at the heart of a growing global movement, acting as a catalyst for the elimination of orphanages.

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Mark Waddington, Chief Executive, Hope and Homes for Children

Photo: HHC

4. PROGRESS THE COMMITMENT OF GLOBALLY INFLUENTIAL ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING ACROSS THE PRIVATE SECTOR, TO STOP FUNDING ORPHANAGES AND RE-DIRECT THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT TOWARD PREVENTION AND DELIVERING FAMILY-BASED CARE FOR ALL CHILDREN

● Influencing EU External Action

Building on our previous success in influencing EU internal policies and funds, in 2017 we began advocating for the EU to promote DI in its development of global policies. Together with LUMOS, we developed the joint policy paper, 'Putting child protection and family care at the heart of EU external action' and organised high-level lobby meetings with EU officials in charge of international development and EU external affairs. Again in partnership with LUMOS we organised a series of meetings to discuss collaboration with relevant Brussels-based Civil Society Organisations and NGOs in the field to co-ordinate our advocacy action in this area.

● Engaging faith-based organisations

We continued our strategic engagement with the Christian Alliance for Orphans and began working with Faith to Action to help their members critically evaluate their support of orphanages and reallocate their resources to family and community-based care.

● Raising awareness in the Commonwealth

In Uganda, Hope and Homes for Children and Child's i Foundation organised a number of events and side meetings during the 9th Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting, hosted by the Ugandan Government in Kampala. We raised awareness of the issue of institutional care with Youth Ministers and Civil Society Organisations from 52 countries of the Commonwealth. We also supported Child's i Foundation to deliver a presentation at a high-level side meeting hosted by the First Lady of Uganda and submitted a paper on "Deinstitutionalisation and Returns on Investment".

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Your commitment, vision, and expertise is critical to the success of this project. We truly can't do it without you...we appreciate you!

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Leading faith-based organisation

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My wheels have not stopped turning since our discussion. Thinking about ways to move forward that have not been explored to this point.

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One of the largest donors currently working to refurbish institutions

SECURING THE PARTNERSHIPS, FUNDING AND INVESTMENT TO DELIVER OUR MISSION

● End the Silence

In September, we launched our biggest ever fundraising and awareness-raising campaign, End the Silence, in partnership with YouTube.

The campaign communicated a simple message - no childhood should be one of silence. When our founders, Mark and Caroline Cook, first entered an orphanage in the 1990s they discovered something that would go on to shape our work for decades; despite being full of babies and children, orphanages can be deadly silent places. When a baby in an orphanage cries, nobody comes to comfort them. As a result, babies learn not to cry; internalising their pain and causing lifelong mental and physical damage.

Backed by some of the biggest names in music, End the Silence drew on the unique, unifying power of music to ask the public to share the most precious musical memories from their childhood and help to end the silence for the 8million children suffering silently in orphanages around the world.

Sir Paul McCartney, Ed Sheeran, Sir Elton John, Ellie Goulding, Paloma Faith, Paul Weller, Damon Albarn, Noel Gallagher and Emeli Sande were among the many incredible musicians who leant their voices - and memories - to support End the Silence.



Ed Sheeran

Carrickfergus

by Van Morrison and the Chieftans

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We lived in Yorkshire, which is about a four or five hour drive to London. My parents would commute and I'd be sat on the back seat and this was pretty much the only tape cassette we had - that and The Beatles. It's the one song I remember. It takes me back to that specific moment, much like songs from my teenage years take me back to being a teenager or songs from two years ago transport you back there.

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Sir Elton John
The Deadwood Stage
 by Doris Day

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I had to have a tooth out at my local dentists and the only way I was going to do it is if my mum bought that record for me after. So I had my tooth out, we went in to the record store and we bought *The Deadwood Stage*. And I clutched it, I loved it so much, I couldn't wait to get home and I played it and I played it and I played it and I played it.

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Photo: Shutterstock

Sir Paul McCartney
Bee-Bop-A-Lula
 by Jean Vincent

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Bee-Bop A-Lula was the first record I ever bought and I'd saved up all my pocket money and went down to the town centre in Liverpool town so that was it. I brought it home and I played it to death. Music was very important to me growing up. To imagine not having music is terrifying really. I don't know what I would have done. I certainly wouldn't be who I am today because the influences and the joy of listening to the music is what made me.

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Ellie Goulding
Stay
 by Shakespeare's Sister

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I can't remember how old I was when that song came out but I was young. It's my earliest memory and it makes me feel really happy. Every morning when I was young I'd wake up and hear the CD player playing everything - there was a song for every moment. I have a terrible memory and music is the thing that pieces it all back together for me.

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End the Silence was run as part of the Department for International Development's (DFID) UK Aid Match scheme, meaning that every pound donated during the three-month campaign period was matched by the UK Government. The matched income from DFID will fund a three-year project in Rwanda and Uganda, including the first closure of an institution for children with special needs in Rwanda.

The campaign exceeded all expectations, raising £2.6m - doubled to £5.2m with matching. The coverage of the campaign was extensive, appearing in media outlets as diverse as *The Telegraph*, *Evening Standard*, *NME*, *Sky News*, *BBC Radio*, *The Guardian*, clearly communicating the message that children need families, not orphanages.

You can still get involved with the campaign - go to endthesilence.com to submit your musical memory or to watch the videos of the campaign's high profile supporters.

♥ **Rising to the challenge for children**

Our fundraising events and challenges kick-started relationships with new supporters and raised over £503,661 in 2017. The Hollywood Ball, held in Burton-on-Trent in November raised a record £100,000, following three years of development by the Midlands Committee, led by our Patron, Clare Wright. Intrepid adventurers trekked through Romanian mountains, cycled Rwanda, scaled Machu Picchu, and took on a multitude of courageous challenges to support our work. Over 1,200 people were inspired by our Night of Adventure events, organised by our Patron, Alastair Humphreys. Our fantastic Support Groups once again delivered imaginative, fun and engaging events, dinners, quizzes, dances and much more to support us.

♥ **Press and peers trade places**

Our annual Swapping Seats event, giving politicians their chance to take revenge on journalists, took place over lunch on 17 November at Royal Horseguards Hotel, Whitehall. Chaired by Esther Rantzen, it was a huge success with 142 guests enjoying the fiery exchanges between Michael Howard and Jeremy Paxman and Michael Heseltine and the Deputy Editor of the New Statesman, Helen Lewis. The event raised £31,500 and inspired a significant number of guests to support our cause.

♥ **Radio listeners give their support**

In October, the poet and broadcaster, Lemn Sissay presented the BBC Radio 4 Appeal on behalf of Hope and Homes for Children, raising £29,255 towards our work and spreading the word that children need families, not orphanages.

♥ **Bank partnership raises £2 million over two years**

Our two year Deutsche Bank partnership has been their most successful to date, raising over £2.1 million in total. Deutsche Bank and its employees supported our work through challenge events, volunteering and donating a day's salary in the Bank's annual fundraising campaign, 'One Day'. Employees competed, quizzed and danced at more than 110

events, and covered more than 30,000km by hiking, cycling and running in a range of challenges from Mount Kilimanjaro to the coastline of Scotland. In addition to fundraising, employees across their 8,000 UK workforce also generously offered their skills and expertise to our organisation, moving us closer to a day where children no longer suffer institutional care.

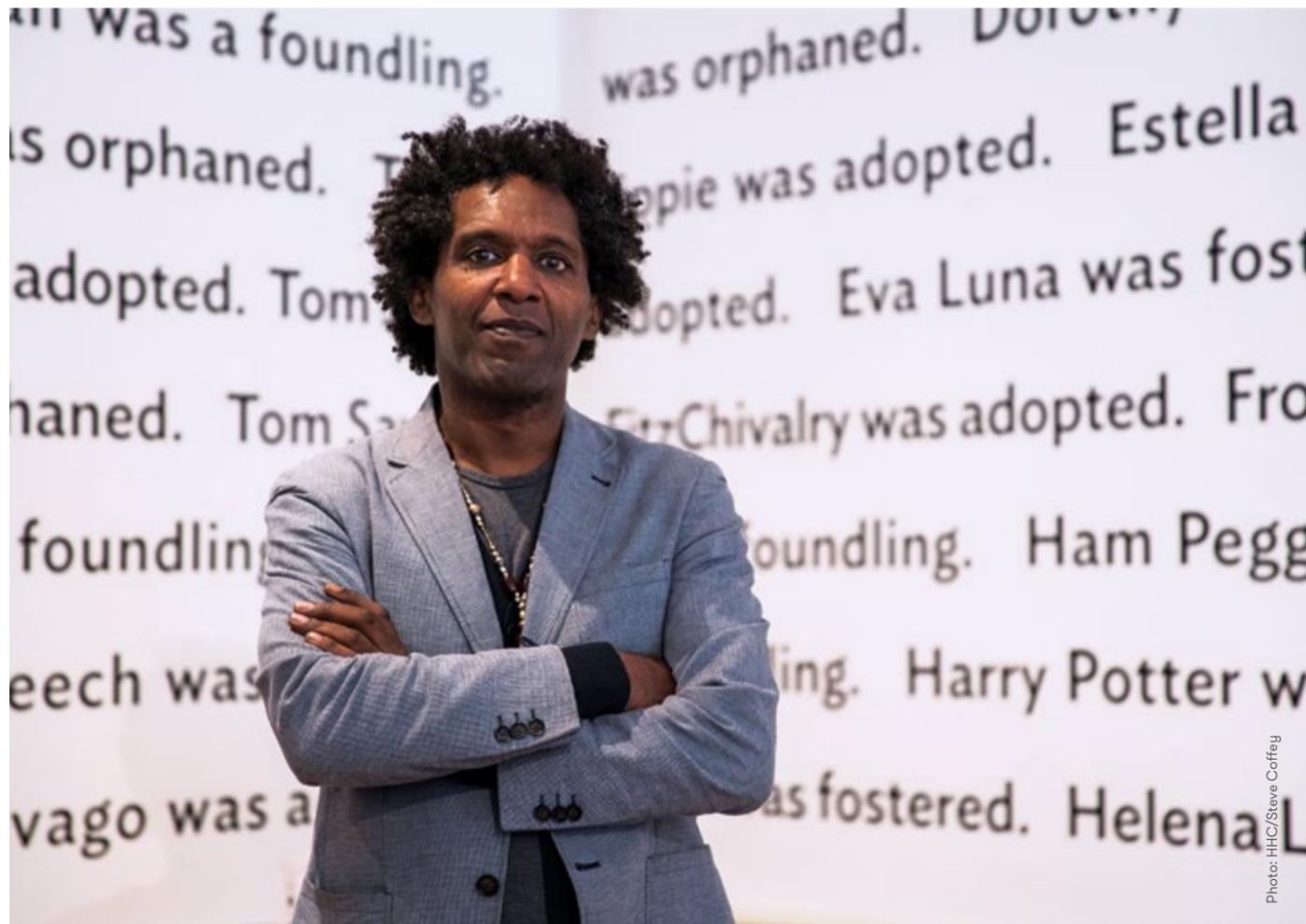


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“It was a pleasure working with Hope and Homes for Children as one of our Charities of the Year 2016-17. We were able to make a transformative impact to a small organisation, which won the hearts and minds of our employees through its innovative engagement opportunities and the ability to see and understand the tangible difference made on the ground.”

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Nicole Lovett
Head of Corporate Social Responsibility UK, Deutsche Bank



Deutsche Bank Wealth Management team tackled the Yorkshire Three Peaks challenge, raising £10,500 for Hope and Homes for Children, in July

Photo: HHC

♥ **Decade of support for children**

Financial Lifestyle Management, now in its tenth year of supporting Hope and Homes for Children, has provided key funds to projects in Moldova, Bosnia, Romania, Ukraine, and Rwanda. In 2017, their commitment to Rwanda led to the closure of two orphanages in the Gatsibo district and progress

towards closing another in the Rusizi district, strengthening the child protection services in these two districts and benefiting over 100 vulnerable children. Financial Lifestyle Management's employees continue to be committed and generous in their support of Hope and Homes for Children.



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I completed my first triathlon in a rather unorthodox manner... but completed it nonetheless, thanks to the support and encouragement of everyone there! It was a fantastic experience, well organised and full of cheerful encouraging individuals! I look forward to next year's!

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Cameron Row
SJP Cirencester

♥ **SJP increase support in 25th anniversary year**
2017 was a hugely successful year for the long-standing partnership between Hope and Homes for Children and St. James's Place Wealth Management, raising over £1 million in total. As they celebrated the company's 25th Anniversary, employees supported Hope and Homes for Children in a number of ways including taking part in trekking, cycling and running events across the globe. In October, we organised the largest Triathlon and Duathlon event in its 15 year history, with over 100 participants from across the partnership

coming together in St. Albans to raise £170,000.

We are also incredibly grateful to the St. James's Place Charitable Foundation for their decision to award £650,000 over three years towards the transformation of the Bjelave Institution in Bosnia and Herzegovina. With over 2,000 children currently confined in orphanages in the country we are confident that with support from St. James's Place and the Charitable Foundation we can create lasting change in Sarajevo that will hugely benefit children and their families.

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We believe this project will be transformative, hundreds of children in Bosnia will receive the love and care they deserve.

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Diane Vurlov, Grants Manager, St. James's Place Charitable Foundation

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We are proud to continue to support the work that Hope and Homes for Children do, transforming the lives of so many children across the globe.

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David Clemson, Director of Riviera Travel

- ♥ **Travel partnership continues to benefit children**
Now in its 20th year, our partnership with Riviera Travel is one of Hope and Homes for Children's longest-standing relationships. In 2017, Riviera's clients and employees continued to demonstrate their generosity and commitment to our cause, raising over £100,000 to support our work with children.
- ♥ **Record year for grants fundraising**
In 2017, we were delighted to secure a number of new major, multi-year grants from previous and new supporters towards key programmes of work around the world. These include the Department for

International Development UK Aid Match grant which means the UK Government will double every pound raised by End the Silence to fund a three-year project in Rwanda and Uganda; a three-year commitment from THE VELUX FOUNDATIONS towards child protection reform at a national level in Romania; and a three-year commitment from Oak Foundation towards ending the institutionalisation of babies and young children in Moldova and Bulgaria.

We were also thrilled to be awarded an initial grant from the Postcode Equality Trust, supported by players of the People's Postcode Lottery, towards our work in Rwanda.

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The work of Hope and Homes for Children is the gold standard for our sector.

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Philip Goldman, President, Maestral

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Nearly all our grants are UK-based, but your highly-focused and experienced support seems one of the most successful overseas aid initiatives.

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Andrew Fletcher OBE, Trustee of The Joyce Fletcher Charitable Trust

GISELLE'S STORY



Giselle is a playful, friendly little girl who enjoys meeting new people.

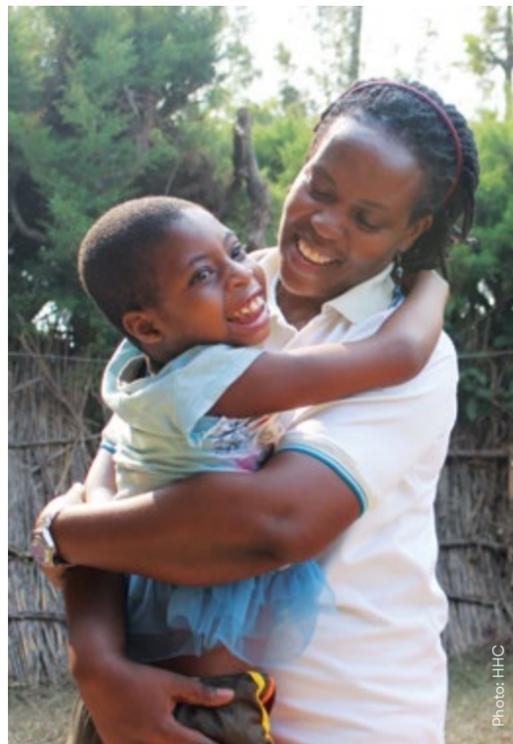
She likes to show visitors how she can pull herself up to sit on a low bench, pack and zip up her school rucksack and put it on her back. These may not sound like remarkable achievements for an eight year old child but for Giselle, they are extraordinary. Born with cerebral palsy and abandoned at birth, Giselle spent her earliest years in an orphanage, neglected and ignored. At the age of five, she couldn't stand or use her arms. Today, thanks to the care and dedication of her foster mother, Rolette, Giselle's life has been transformed.

We met Giselle when our team in Rwanda closed the orphanage where Giselle was struggling to survive. We did all we could to trace her biological family but when no relatives could be found we began the careful process of finding the right specialist foster family to care for this courageous little girl. In partnership with a specialist NGO, we identified Rolette and her family as a good potential match for Giselle. Once the necessary checks and training had been carried out, we gave Giselle and Rolette the support they needed to adjust to living together.

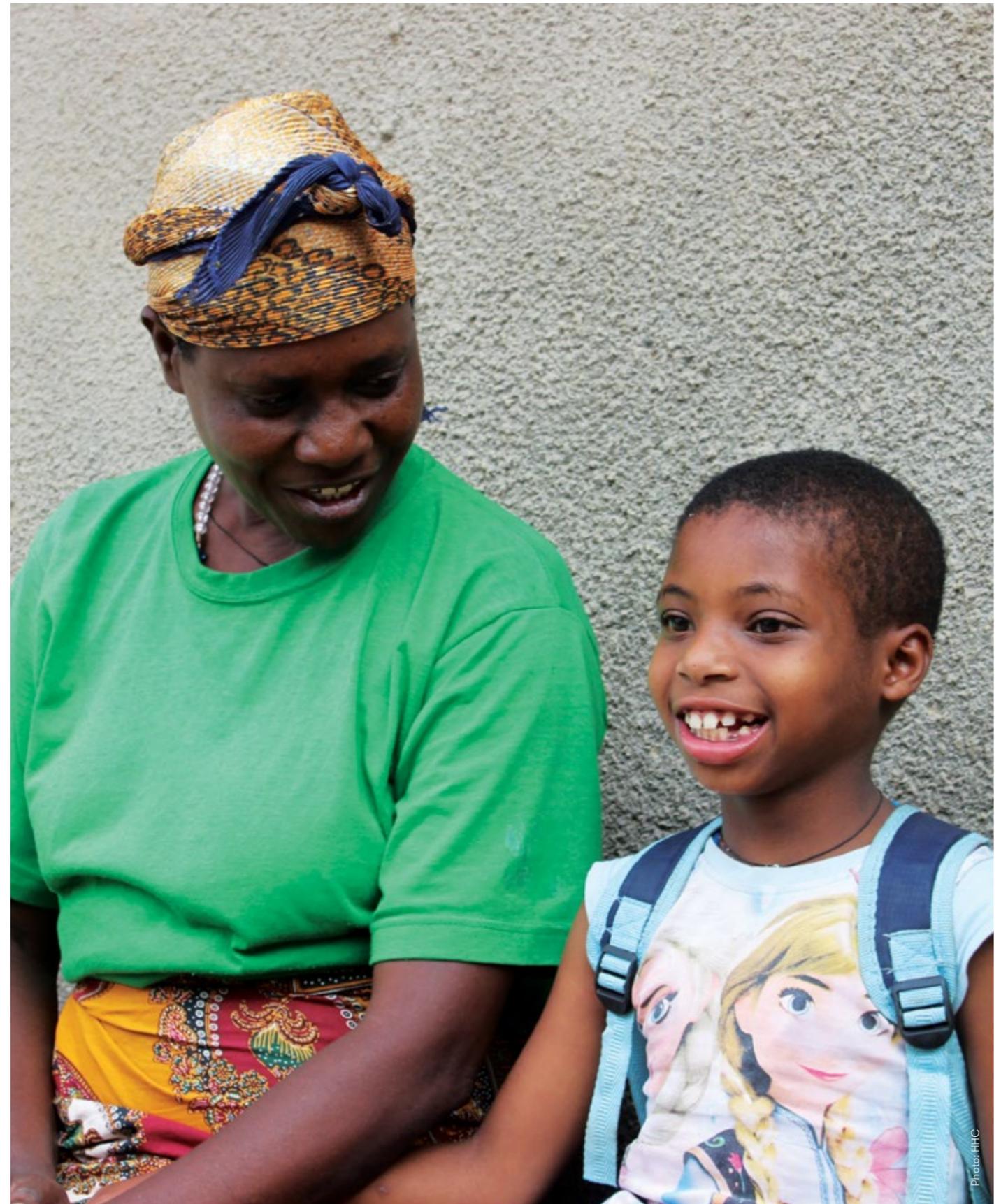
Our social worker, Justine, says that Giselle is now fully integrated into her new family and the local community. She is very attached to her foster mother and she is becoming more mobile and more independent every day. Although she communicates mostly through signs and sounds, Giselle is beginning to speak a few words and Rolette says Giselle knows how to stand up for herself. If people talk about her over her head and ask, "Is she ill?" she admonishes them with a sharp

"No!" She loves to play Mums and Dads and takes all the laundry, clean and dirty, into the yard to pretend to do the washing. Although this creates extra work, Rolette understands that this kind of play is essential for Giselle to develop and recover from her years in the orphanage. Our team in Rwanda is continuing to monitor Giselle's progress and cover expenses including transport to specialist medical and physiotherapy appointments, food and hygiene equipment and ongoing training for Rolette so that she can continue to help Giselle learn and develop.

Rolette is determined that Giselle will be able to walk by herself soon; and no one who meets this joyful little girl, thriving within the love and protection of her new family, can be in any doubt that she will succeed.



Giselle greets Justine, a member of Hope and Homes for Children's social work team in Rwanda



Giselle is becoming more mobile and independent everyday with the support and encouragement of her foster mother, Rolette

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE



RICHARD GREENHALGH,
CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

I have lived and worked in Africa for many years, seen child poverty and family breakdown. In the UK I have been involved in education at all levels, appreciating the centrality of family and community.

But orphanages were not on my radar until recently. I knew that there were bad orphanages, but I did not appreciate that across the globe they were unnecessary and so harmful to children.

Since becoming Chair of Trustees in June 2017, a curiosity to know more has been replaced by a passion to DO more. The mission is clear, ambitious and uncompromising.

Orphanages have to go, replaced by family support. It can be done, the track record is there. Governments are increasingly being persuaded by the arguments and in countries like Romania and Rwanda commitments are in place to close orphanages and replace them with family-based care and support.

Hope and Homes for Children is uniquely placed to raise awareness, advocate, advise, train and demonstrate how to implement closures of orphanages and strengthen families and communities. The global movement is building but there is much work to do – your committed support is as vital as ever.

Thank you

2018 PRIORITIES

1. 5,000 social workers, child protection and other childcare professionals and volunteers trained.
2. 39,000 children benefiting from prevention services.
3. 250,000 children benefiting from alternative care arrangements.
4. Collection and analysis of the data needed to calculate the necessary funding required to eliminate institutions in three regions progressed with strategies to secure the funds also in development.
5. New pilot project established and being implemented in India.
6. Opening Doors for Europe's Children and Transform Alliance Africa progress international and national level commitments to eliminating institutions across Europe and Africa.
7. Help form a representative group of experts to develop joint plans to eliminate institutional care at global level.
8. Private sector working group established to begin harnessing the capacity of multi-national companies to make orphanages an unacceptable way of looking after children.

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Finally, we would like to give special mention to the following individuals and groups:

- Our loyal Support Groups who host quizzes, dinner parties, open gardens, barn dances and commit their time in a number of ways to raise money for Hope and Homes for Children.
- Our Volunteer Speakers, Night of Adventure speakers and all our supporters who pledged a gift in their Will.
- All those who have made significant contributions to our work in 2017 and wish to remain anonymous.

Cover photo: Edin's father lost his job after he was injured at work. Hope and Homes for Children in Bosnia and Herzegovina is giving his parents the support they need to make sure Edin grows up in his family, not an orphanage.



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