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Director's Intro

Welcome back to a new year 😊

The festive break is always welcomed by the team at HSGNNL as the lead up to Christmas is crazy with the office looking like Santa's grotto and parties to plan for many excited children (and their parents!). We also use this time to celebrate and thank our volunteers who have given time, care and commitment to the charity throughout the year. The lifeblood of the organisation, the heart and soul of our mission, the jam in our sandwich, the pillar of the charity, the glue that holds everything together... the list is endless. Bottom line, they are the best!



Last year, we saw many highs and, of course, the odd low.

We supported more families than ever before with the biggest team we have had to date. Some staff came and went, and one even went and came back lol. Our comprehensive training and opportunities have meant that all staff are trained to the highest standard, enabling them to support families through the often difficult challenges they face. We were delighted that our volunteer numbers increased, helping to support families when they need it most.

Our new offices at Netherton Community Centre don't seem so new now, and the team are all very settled in this new space. Having on-site car parking, plenty of space for meetings and networking and being located in the heart of a community has enabled us to connect with new partners and consider new ventures. Our groups in communities continue to develop, and we are

delighted that our ambition to open a new Family Hub became a reality with the support from Midwifery and many other third sector colleagues.

Antenatal Results & Choices

We are also excited about a new project we have embarked on with Antenatal Results and Choices (ARC), a charity that supports parents through difficult times in pregnancy. We welcome Kirsteen as our new ARC Outreach Project Coordinator.

We also welcome Celia as our new Fundraising and Partnerships Manager, and we also welcome back Audrey to the team as Family Engagement Coordinator.

This year, we will bid farewell to our fantastic Chair, Susan Walsh. Susan has provided clear leadership and commitment to the charity over the last few years, whilst sharing connections, her wealth of knowledge and best of all, her wicked sense of humour! We will all truly miss her. The good news is that the position has been filled by our current Vice Chair, Jackie Luporini, which we are delighted about.

Funding is always at the forefront of our minds and whilst we are pleased with recent funding successes and new corporate partnerships, it is an ongoing challenge.

Last but by no means least. This is our 25th birthday year. We recently got together as a staff team to think about how we celebrate this amazing landmark. We were excited to go into our treasure trove and find the minutes of Home-Start Glasgow North West's inaugural meeting, which took place on 6th December 2001. That's filing at its best lol. We hope many of you will join us in our year of celebrations, taking on fundraising



challenges, sharing stories and of course eating our birthday cake! As always, thank you for all your support and commitment to HSGNNL. 25 years... that really is worth celebrating!

Staff News



Holly - Family Support Worker has joined the Families Here and Now Service for Home-Start. She will be supporting families within the North Lanarkshire area. Holly has previously worked in a similar role for another charity so has lots of experience to bring to the role.



Kirsteen - ARC Outreach Project Coordinator has been with the team since before the festive period. She has a wealth of experience with the National Childbirth Trust. If you would like to know more about ARC, please click the button below.

ARC - Antenatal Results and Choices



Celia - Fundraising and Partnerships Manager joined the team after the festive period, she has an extensive background in funding, with experience in the charity sector.



We said goodbye to **Grace!** Grace started with Home-Start as a volunteer supporting supporting families with home visits and at our groups. Grace was also involved in the evaluation work of the Hub.

Grace then joined our staff team as Volunteer Coordinator covering Emily's maternity leave.

Now she is off on a new adventure, for which we wish her all the best! Grace was a joy to work with and such a positive person to be around!

Volunteer News

Our Glasgow training and assessment course starts this week, but there is still time to get in touch regarding our North Lanarkshire course, which starts Tuesday, 24th February 2026.

Training runs weekly over 5 weeks from 10 am - 12.30 pm. Email for more information: info@homestartgnnl.org.uk



Glasgow Times Community Champions Awards!

Our wonderful volunteers at the Home-Start Early Years Hub received a nomination for being Health and Wellbeing Champions through the Glasgow Times Community Champions Award!

Did they not go ahead and win the award? They did!

We are so lucky to have wonderful people who choose to volunteer for HSGNNL! That is why we call them the Heart of Home-Start!

[Click here for our Volunteer Leaflet](#)

[Click here for the Volunteer Application Form](#)

Fundraising

Glasgow Golf Club

We are absolutely delighted to share that Glasgow Golf Club is going to be supporting us for another year!

The Club has done so much for us already in raising funds, such as auction events, golf challenges, providing the pledge for the Big Give campaign, and much more!

We are looking forward to their support and seeing what fun events and challenges they have in store this year!



Big Give

We are absolutely delighted to have raised over £4,000 during the Big Give online Christmas challenge!

It wouldn't have been possible without the wonderful support from Glasgow Golf Club, who gave us the pledge to get us off the ground running! We are very grateful for

their support, and also grateful for everyone else who donated during the week! And for the people who shared, liked and commented on our social media posts during that week - it made such a difference!

Watch this space for more Big Give challenges in the future!

Glasgow's Spirit of Christmas

We were blown away by people's generosity at Christmas! We received so many pledges through the wonderful Glasgow's Spirit of Christmas!

Thank you again to everyone who pledged a gift. You make a huge difference at this time of year!



Kiltwalk 2026

Join us for the Kiltwalk and make every step count for HSGNNL!

By taking part you'll be helping us continue the vital work we do supporting local families.

Whether you walk the Wee Wander or the Big Stride, your efforts will make a real difference.

Saturday 25 April 2025 🐾

Various times

Big Stroll 14.5 miles (Clydebank to Balloch)

🐾 Sunday 26 April 2025

Wee Wander 3 miles (Loch Lomond Shores to Balloch Park)

Big Stroll 14.5 miles (Clydebank to Balloch)

Mighty Stride 23 miles (Glasgow Green to Balloch)

You can sign up here: <https://thekiltwalk.co.uk/events>

If you would like to know more about Home-Start, email:

info@homestartgnnl.org.uk

London Marathon 2026

Lewis is in the midst of training for the big event and has raised close to £600 already! There's still plenty of time to donate before the main event!

Any donations - big or small - towards Lewis' target would be very gratefully appreciated. Please share with friends! Marathon training at this time of year in Scotland is a challenge in itself!

You can read Lewis' inspirational story and donate by clicking the button below.



Read Lewis's story and donate here!

Did you know you can raise funds for Home-Start GNNL without actually fundraising but when you are doing your shopping online?

You can do this by signing up through Easyfundraising - it only takes a couple of minutes to sign up and there are only 4 questions to answer.

We would be very grateful if you chose us as your charity, as these donations will

Support us today...by shopping!



**Turn your online shopping
into a free donation to us
at no cost to you.
Amazing!**



contribute greatly to the work we do and support local families! Please share this with family and friends!

Sign up to Easyfundraising here!

Groups & Events

Groups

We have various groups that run throughout Glasgow North and North Lanarkshire. They are always fun, with activities such as arts and crafts, sensory play, and much more. Healthy snacks are also provided.

If you would like more information about any of our groups, please email us at:
info@homestartgnnl.org.uk

Find out more about where our groups are held and times!



Christmas Parties!

We had our wonderful Christmas parties with our families and volunteers again this year in both Glasgow North and North Lanarkshire. A fantastic magician came along, followed by a lovely breakfast, and to top off the day we had a visit from a very special guest!! 🧑🏻‍🎄

Did you know that Home-Start UK have a fabulous magazine - Family Matters! If you would like to keep up to date on all Home-Start UK news, click the button below to subscribe.

Subscribe to our Family Matters magazine here!

We would love your feedback on our newsletter, please get in touch if there's any further information you would like, or if there's anything you'd like to see included.

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