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FOR 25 years Home-Start in Worcestershire has been a lifeline for so many families. Since 1984 the Worcester and Wychavon charity has helped more than 2,500 families; being a friend to parents with young children and helping them find their way during difficult times.

Home-Start is a national organisation with thousands of volunteers who visit families at home each week, offering support, friendship and practical help.

The service is free, confidential and life-changing.

Home-start came to Worcestershire in 1983 after founder Margaret Harrison gave an inspirational talk to a conference. A steering group was soon set up and a part-time organiser was



Louise Draper with her son D'Arcy, daughter Isabella and their Home-Start support volunteer Don Raaff, who has been working with the family for 18 months. Pictures by Nick Toogood. 10163403

recruited to start training and supporting volunteers.

It was not long before Home-Start secured funding from Worcestershire County Council's children's department and the Primary Care Trust and then in 1997 the Worcester Consolidated Municipal Charity provided the

group premises for a peppercorn rent.

Over the next decade the charity, by then employing a number of part-time staff, was inundated with requests for support.

The lottery awarded a £106,000 grant over three years to help the **TURN TO PAGE 19**

**Congratulations to
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25 Years of Service

Homestart help young families within the county, whilst we help older people or those suffering with a disability

- **Domiciliary Care** - Supporting elderly or disabled people who are living at home. Our trained staff assist with medication, washing, dressing, shopping, making beds etc. Visits of maybe several hours a day or as little as ½ hour a week, our service is flexible in order to meet the needs of the people we support.
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Boost to confidence

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charity expand and by 2004 there were volunteers making a difference in Worcester, Droitwich, and Evesham.

Mum-of-two Lyn Godridge knows all about the rewards of working for Home-Start. She was once supported by the charity and saw her self-confidence boosted by a charity dedicated to helping others through hard times.

Over the years she has enrolled in computer, aromatherapy and art courses which have lead to a three-year contract, paid part-time work as a learning ambassador and now the satisfaction of being a volunteer.

She said: "Being a parent I know that struggling with young children can be the hardest thing in the world. You get so much pleasure and enjoyment by helping something else who needs and trusts you."

Home-Start Worcester and Wychavon understands that we all need a helping hand from time to time and can be a lifeline for lonely or isolated parents, families with twins or multiple births,



RECOMMENDED: Lyn Goodridge with her son Alex, who have benefitted from the Home-Start scheme. 10163407

single parents, people who are new to the area, families coping with illness or disability, right through to mums who have post-natal depression.

To find out more about Home-Start ask your GP, social worker or health visitor, or call the friendly teams in Worcester, 01905 29377 or in Wychavon, 01386 49476.

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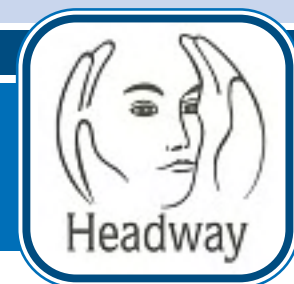
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