

Supporting children and young people in care.

THEIR FUTURE RESTS IN OUR HANDS…

OUR MISSION

*Welcome to **CHILDREN WE CARE FOR**, a dedicated and compassionate charity organization committed to making a positive impact in the lives of children and young people in care.*

Our mission is to provide support, guidance and resources to children who find themselves in the foster care system, group homes or other care arrangements. We believe that every child deserves a nurturing and loving environment regardless of their circumstances.

As of March 2022, there were 82,000 children in care in the UK.
Most of the children are aged 10-15, but some are as young as 5 years old.

The main reasons why children in care are;
Abuse
Neglect
Family breakdown
Parental illness
Other circumstances that render their homes unsafe.

Being a child in care can mean disruptions in education due to frequent changes in schools or lack of educational stability. This can lead to lower academic performance and hinder long-term achievements.

Only 7% of children in care go onto obtain passes in GCSE Maths and English, compared with 40% of children not in care.

Lack of stable education can mean future prospects are significantly compromised, and a higher probability of facing the below challenges:
Limited job opportunities
Lower income
Limited social skills
Increased risk of criminal activity
Reduced personal development
Intergenerational impact

Education plays a huge role in a person's life outcome, opportunities and overall wellbeing.

We aim to help improve these statistics through the support, guidance and resources we offer.

WHAT WE DO

We support children and young people in care with the start in life they deserve, and help to provide them with the tools they need to become their best future selves.

Young people in care face a whole range of challenges, from major issues, such as mental health to too often missing out on basic essentials. They are almost entirely reliant on statutory provision, but it doesn't always cover everything they may need and, in the current financial climate, the provision of even basic items, that most of us are fortunate enough to take for granted, may be inadequate.

*At **CHILDREN WE CARE FOR**, we source and provide these items and more, to improve confidence, self esteem and well-being, building the foundation for each young person to go on and become their best future self.*

We run a variety of projects led by our trustees, ambassadors and mentors which will aim to motivate, develop and improve a child in care's experience and future self.

OUR PROJECTS

Welcome Box Project

Carefully curated packages given to each child or young person in care homes under our provision. Boxes include books, games, snacks, clothing, toiletries etc which suit the child or young person in question. The aim is to make them feel welcomed, ease their comfort and try to make them feel at home in their new environment.

Mentor A Child Project

Mentoring a child or young person can play a pivotal role in overcoming any challenges they face, as well as personal growth they achieve. We carefully match our mentors to our young people, looking at personality traits, hobbies, backgrounds, ambition and more. In doing this we hope to create successful relationships between mentors and our young people with the aim of making a significant impact on their lives, helping them to unlock their potential and to create positive change.

My Future Self Project

The school mindset project which aims to improve the self awareness of young people as to the 'Why?' they need to achieve in exams and life, including a short, medium and long term plan implemented.
'Will my "future self" thank me for the decisions I make today?'

Do What You Love Project

Offering a variety of workshops, work experience and opportunities in different industries and career paths. These workshops are for all young people in care, whether they don't have it all figured out yet and want to test the waters, they know their passion and want to perfect it, or they are just looking for a hobby. Our aim is to help our young people love themselves, love what what they do now and what they go on to be and achieve in life.

The Enjoyment Project

Providing enjoyment and fun for children and young people in activities and hobbies that many of us took for granted during our childhoods. From playing for a football team, to shopping trips, the cinema, dance classes, weekend trips and more, we want children and young people in care to experience what others experience when growing up.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Donate

Pledging your financial support will allow us to carry out our mission of supporting children and young people in care.

This can be via;

- *One off donation*
- *Monthly donation*
- *Brand new items e.g. Clothing/homeware/books/electricals.*

Become a corporate sponsor

Partner up with us as a sponsor and help to improve the lives of children and young people in care by covering the cost of living, education and enjoyment.

Become a mentor

Volunteer your time and life experiences to a young person in care. We carefully match our mentors to our young people, looking at personality traits, hobbies, backgrounds, ambition and more.

Help to play a pivotal role in overcoming the challenges they face and the personal growth they achieve.

Become an ambassador

Raise awareness and support for our mission to support children and young people in care. As a charismatic communicator and advocate for positive change, you will positively engage with the public to promote our initiatives and drive our cause forward.

Get involved with our projects

Take a look at our current projects and if you see a way you could add something, then please get in touch. We would love to hear from you.

Fundraise

We would love to be the charity of choice for any of your fundraising activities such as sponsored runs, walks, bake sales, auctions etc.

Please get in touch or head to our website for more information on any of the above ways in which you can help.

THE TEAM

Our Founder

*Our founder, **Trevor Elliott MBE**, has been working with children for the best part of 14 years.*
Trevor founded youth clubs and football academies, before becoming one of the UK's youngest ever foster carers.
From 24 years old Trevor was fostering 4 teenage boys for up to 6 years.
Trevor then decided to open residential children's homes for vulnerable children to continue to expand his care to more children and young people .

*Trevor was appointed a **Member of the Order of the British Empire** in the BD2020 Honours List for his excellent services to vulnerable children.*

Starting this charity has been a goal of Trevor's for quite some time after witnessing so much need, being able to offer his care and support to a much wider circle of young people in care and therefore impacting many more lives is his biggest motivation.

***"If we all helped the person to our right, the world is round right?"-**Trevor Elliott MBE*

THE TEAM

Our Trustees

Janice Winston

Janice worked as a chair for local council estates in Lambeth helping residents to improve their living arrangements. ***She has extensive experience in charity organisations, working as a trustee as well as a community engagement officer for local charities.***

Janice brings her charity knowledge and interest, along with her caring and maternal nature. Her experience and skills are valuable assets in guiding ***CHILDREN WE CARE FOR*** *towards its mission and goals. She looks forward to this enriching journey allowing her to make a meaningful difference to vulnerable children.*

Steve Sallis

Steve was a teacher for 17 years in inner city London schools. Firstly as a teacher of physical education, then a Vice Principal for a decade. ***He was shortlisted for 'National Teacher Of The Year' in 2008 & awarded 'London Charter Teacher Status' for his work & dedication in four inner London schools.*** *Steve went on to set up solutions mindset, a mentoring programme for businesses, schools,*

World class athletes and non profit organisations. Steve has made a huge impact on some big names and businesses, Rio Ferdinand, Jude Bellingham, Joe Wicks, The FA, Coutts Bank, Premier League, Carver PR to name but a few.

Amongst many other plans, Steve will bring the 'My Future Self Project', his school mindset project, to ***CHILDREN WE CARE FOR*** *in order to provide motivation and support for children and young people in are.*

Levent Bellikli

Levent's career in support services spans across a period of almost 14 years and is committed to supporting people from disadvantaged groups, vulnerable adults and especially children in and out of care. ***He has seen the effects of what childhood trauma and the absence of love and care can lead to, having worked in Prison Services for over 5 years.*** *He has worked in a range of public, private and third sector organisations that support a range of groups and has been successful in delivering tangible outcomes for service beneficiaries. He has a great passion for supporting those that require it the most, especially children.* ***"I believe prevention is always better than cure and with the work the charity aims to carry out, I believe it can affect thousands and if not millions of lives in the future".*** *Lev brings his skills, expertise and passion towards this organisation and aims to help steer it towards great success.*

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Faye Reddish
Fundraising and Partnerships Manager
Faye worked as Head Of Buying at one of the UK's fastest growing online retailer's for over 5 years. In this role, Faye developed strategic procurement plans to optimise purchasing decisions and manage budgets effectively. Similarly, as a fundraising and partnerships manager she will apply strategic thinking to identify potential partners, assess their alignment with the charity's mission and plan collaborative fundraising efforts. In her past role, she negotiated with suppliers to secure favourable terms and build strong vendor relationships. These skills are invaluable in establishing partnerships with corporate sponsors, donors, and other stakeholders in the charity sector. Faye is responsible for pitching partnership opportunities, present the charity's impact to potential donors, and build rapport with diverse stakeholders.

Amy Reddish
Marketing and Communications Manager
Amy's experience as Head Of Brand at one of the UK's fastest growing online retailer's meant she was responsible for developing and executing the overall branding strategy for the business. This included defining the brand's identity, values, and messaging. As Marketing and Communications Manager, Amy will ensure all communication materials, projects, and messages are aligned with the charity's mission and aims to spread the word about the charity as fast as possible.
Amy is responsible for maintaining consistency in messaging across various communication channels. This involves maintain a unified voice and visual identity in all material from social media posts to press releases.

Amy and Faye are sisters with a passion for children's care. Their childhood experience of living in a hostel with their Mother, provides a strong foundation for their work at CHILDREN WE CARE FOR, giving them a unique ability to connect, understand and make a positive impact on the lives of vulnerable children.

GET IN TOUCH

We would love to hear from you…

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