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**DIRECTOR'S REPORT
HOME-START SCOTLAND**

Last year has proved to be a record breaking one for Home-Start in Scotland. Over 2200 families have been supported during the year, making it comfortably the highest number we have achieved. To put this in some context, 13 years ago 950 families were supported. This is a terrific achievement and everybody who had contributed to this, home visiting volunteers, trustees, staff and our families, can feel a sense of pride in this. I do like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for these contributions and, once again, I would like to do so. Our communities are better places as a result of your activities.

For the last two years I have commented on the difficult financial climate. If anything, things have been even harder this year. Every Home-Start in Scotland is hugely reliant on their agreements with their local authority but although there have been many cuts up and down the country, no schemes have had their funding withdrawn. Many organisations have suffered this fate. This is clearly testament to the value our funders place on the service. I expect our new monitoring and evaluation system, as it develops, will help demonstrate the very positive impact our service makes and will allow me to write in a similar vein next year.

Congratulations to each and every one of you at Home-Start North East Aberdeenshire and I wish you continued success.

Dave Milliken
Director for Scotland
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