



Working together

About you

- Does your church need help to make a difference in the local community?
- Are you struggling to get a church voluntary project off the ground?
- Would you appreciate the help and support of an experienced Christian welfare agency?
- If so, Spurgeon's Child Care may be what you are looking for!

About us

Spurgeon's Child Care was founded in 1867 by Charles Haddon Spurgeon. Spurgeon had been given a donation of £20,000 by Anne Hillyard, widow of an Anglican clergyman, who wanted to support work with fatherless boys. The home started by Spurgeon in Stockwell was bombed during World War II, after which the orphanage moved to purpose built accommodation in Birchington, Kent.

With the closure of the orphanage in 1979, Spurgeon's moved into community based work with families, developing a wide range of services, now delivered through over 90 projects across the UK. In around half of these, we are working in partnership with local churches. In addition, over the last decade, Spurgeon's has developed significant work overseas, particularly in Eastern Europe, but also in Africa and Mexico.

Our mission statement

Spurgeon's Child Care is a voluntary organisation working with children, young people and families through professional practice as a practical expression of the Christian faith in partnership with local churches, local authorities and other organisations.

Services

Central to the way we work today is partnership, with local authorities, churches and other community groups. The diversity of our partnerships is reflected in the range of services we offer, which include:

- Advocacy
- Children's rights
- Contact
- Day care
- Domestic violence support
- Emergency accommodation
- Family support and parenting
- Independent visitors
- Out of school clubs
- Residential care
- Sure Start
- Young carers
- Youth work

How we work

We are a medium sized voluntary agency. We are flexible and responsive in actively working in partnership with other agencies. We have a good track record and expertise in working with volunteers, developing community involvement and involving service users in our work, whilst at the same time being large enough to have the infrastructure and support networks necessary to deliver a quality service.

Management

As a charity, we are governed by a board of trustees, who together contribute a wide range of professional and life experience. Day to day management is delegated to our Chief Executive, and in turn to Divisional Directors for the South and North. The work of our projects is overseen by a network of Regional Managers across the country, who provide guidance and supervision to existing project managers, and are instrumental in the development of new areas of work.

Central support functions include human resources, finance, fundraising, marketing and training.

Working together

We have been working with some of our church partners for more than ten years, and are constantly developing new projects with local churches. The journey is not always smooth, but the growth in these projects testifies to the value of this kind of working partnership.

Spurgeon's provides a national infrastructure for local projects to tap into, and a network of similar small projects for Project Managers to draw on for informal contact and support.

If you want more information about how we can work together in your local community, please get in touch.

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