



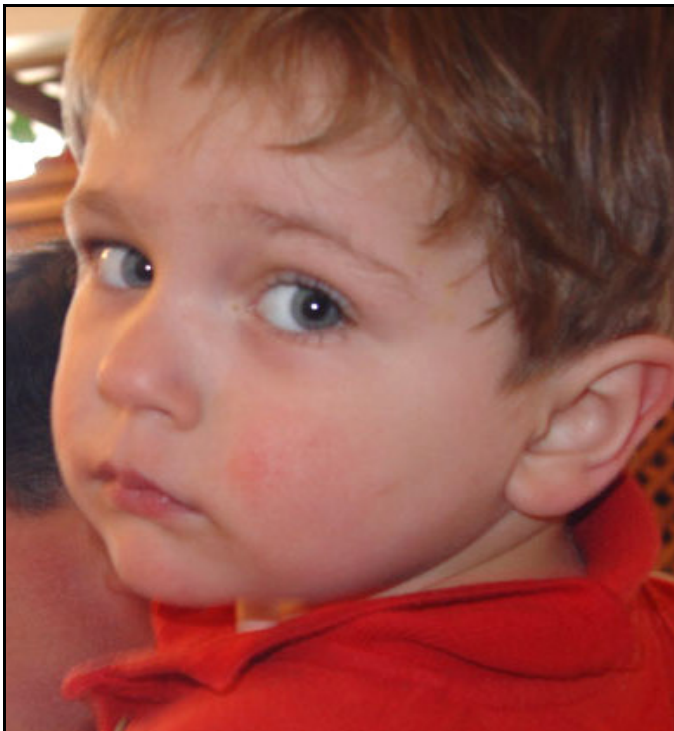
New Beginnings

Safe Homes for Children

Registered Charity No: 1087263

Another Rescued Child

Yan aged 3.5 years old was found abandoned in the local market a year ago. No one knew who he was, where his relatives were, how long he had been there and even his age had to be estimated by the doctor. Television appeals for any of his family were unsuccessful. He was too young to go into an orphanage so he was placed in a hospital with no facilities for a young child suffering such trauma.



Meet Yan – the fourth child in our ‘Genesis Family’

Since then, Yan had been placed into a foster family. Unfortunately, the ‘new parents’ were not experienced enough to cope with an excitable 3-year-old boy who was always on the move. A week later the social services had to take him back and place him into an orphanage with the older children. This is usually an extreme solution for a child as young as Yan.

Fortunately, the social services knew that the Genesis House established by our charity with its space and experienced foster parents would make an ideal home for Yan. A few days later, the new arrival was stood on a doorstep of the Genesis house ready for his NEW BEGINNING.

He is now settling in nicely with the other children and according to our foster parents - is a joy to have!

Pat Writes

Slightly delayed due to the political situation at Christmas I made my winter trip to Ukraine once again. Unfortunately, I was unable to go out and feed the street children as usual because of the extreme weather conditions that prevailed in February and an outbreak of flu that had reached epidemic proportions when I arrived and which I later contracted.

Nevertheless, I was able to have a very long meeting with the social worker called Ludmila who is responsible for any children making their home in Genesis House. I was very impressed with this lady.

Later on, she was responsible for finding Yan and processing all the legal documents to enable us to take him. This is the kind of experience and backup our foster parents will need as more children find a home with us.



Pat Wright with the ‘Genesis’ family.



That is why working with Ukrainian social services and other Government agencies is vital to the long-term future of our projects.

Our two children Sofia and Anton (4 and 5 year old) are wonderful and are doing all the things young children do, especially getting in mischief. They both attend the village kindergarten making astonishing progress.



Genesis children playing in the snow.

Having lived on the streets for most of her life Marina (9 year-old) has found it very hard to settle in a family environment. However, the foster parents are trying extremely hard to help her overcome any long-term problems with the help of the social workers.

Thank you for your continuing support in helping us to change these young children's lives and please keep us in your prayers.

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

(2 Corinthians Chapter 9 : 6-7)

All of the children and families we have been able to help so far has only been possible because of your support.

God Bless

Pat Wright.

Cold, Cold School...

The small school that Marina attends with 300 other children from the



village and a local orphanage has had major problems with a very old heating system. When Pat visited the school in February the temperature inside the classrooms was +4°C (should be at least +20°C). All the pupils had to wrap up as if they were going outside but still they attended their lessons and the teachers still gave 100%.

We at New Beginnings called in experts and elected to pay for the repair of the heating when the school closes in May.

For the time being, the heating has been temporary repaired to last until the worst of the cold winter is over. This will give the children attending the school warmth during their studies, which is something they have not experienced this winter.

Genesis Project - Foster Parents Scheme

Due to the political situation, many of the Government social projects have been suspended. Unfortunately, this includes the foster parents support scheme and the salaries of the social workers. As a result there are now trained and willing foster families ready to take children into their homes but unable to do so due to financial constraints. New Beginnings have elected to pay the salary of our dedicated social worker and to support some newly trained foster parents until the Government re-starts to finances these projects.

By doing this we will be able to place six children taken from street shelters and orphanages into these loving families. This is a start of a **NEW BEGINNING** for the children who have spent most of their young lives in crisis. At last, they will have safe homes and loving parents.

We would again stress that all the foster parents are trained by the local social services and the children are placed with great care. We work together with the social services as partners to change attitudes towards the homeless and institutionalised children. The results we have seen so far have been astounding and we feel that this is the way forward.

I wish I could live there...

This letter from a young boy living in a state-run Orphanage №21 has been sent to us by another charity working with the children in Kiev:

...Right on the edge of the city is a place called Genesis house. I have visited there once. It is a nice house with parents. Not like the huge orphanage, I live in at the moment. At Genesis house, there are

*only a few children and there are house parents!
The children get to live there with the same parents
all the time.*

*It's like having a special day every day. I wish I
could go there or somewhere like it. It's not at all
like the orphanage where there are lots of us and no
parents at all.*

*At Genesis house the children have meals as a family
and learn how to do all
sorts of things. There is a play ground outside. Even
pets are possible. One of the girls has a cat and there
is a snow dog that lives at the house. The children
learn games and can play with the house parents. It
costs a lot of money to run Genesis house but it's a
great place. I wish more of us could go there even if
it were just for a short stay...*

Support for Needy Parents

The main objective of our charity is to help the children in crisis – living on the streets or institutions. However, there are children with loving parents who sometimes need our help. Pat was aware of a young boy called Sergey suffering from spina bifida during her visit to the school.



Sergey with his classmates.

He was undergoing intense medical treatment to which he was responding. Unfortunately, the parents who sacrificed everything for the sake of a few centimetres growth for their son were unable to pay for the final stage of the treatment. New Beginnings funded the required small amount to allow Sergey those few precious life-changing centimetres.

Dates for your diary

***** 19th June 2005 *****

Victorian Cream Teas at the Image Garden organised by the Eden Branch of New Beginnings. For a first time visitor to Reagill Image Garden a treat is in store, being the recently discovered secret garden of old statues. There will be the usual raffle, tombola and side shows for children as well as adults. The guest will enjoy tea with scones, fresh strawberries & cream. Tickets available from Joan Raine - tel: 019317 15351 £3.50-adults and £2-children.

***** 12th July 2005 *****

New Beginnings AGM will be held at the Unitarian Church, Kendal. Both foster parents are coming from Ukraine specially to report from the Genesis House and to meet the members of the committee and the supporters of the charity. If you would like to attend please get in touch as we will need to confirm the numbers in advance.

***** 16th July 2005 *****

Our sincere congratulations go to Pat Wright, the founder of New Beginnings on her forthcoming marriage to Tony Harrison on 16th July 2005. We all wish Pat and Tony much happiness.



***** 10th September 2005 *****

Cross Bay Walk with the Queen's Guide Cedric Robinson. To take part or sponsor the event please contact Jenny Kelly on 01539 720571.

***** 24th September 2005 *****

Lakes Summer Gospel Choir Concert at Parr Street Church, Kendal.

Thank You

- Special thanks to a couple with two young children who donated £ 1000 towards our foster parents scheme and did not wish to be named.
- Unitarian Church, Kendal for continuing support.
- The Lakes Flower Club for generous donation.
- Peter Ingall for donating 50th Birthday money.
- Stricklandgate Methodist Church Forum Group.
- St George's Church Fellowship Group
- Beetham Church Memorable Wednesday Group.
- Heron Hill School hard-working junior committee.
- Yr.8 Aidan pupils Cardinal Allen School, Fleetwood
- Ukrainian Club, Carlisle.
- Everyone who donate through direct debit.
- All "1 in 1000" Appeal Supporters.

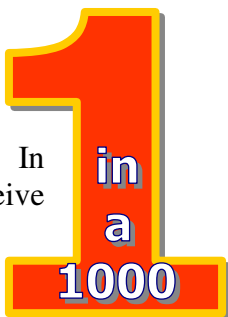
Well Done, Eden

A special "Thank You" to Joan Raine and the rest of the Eden Branch committee for an extremely successful year of fund-raising. Their inventive ideas have resulted in helping considerably with the funding needed to run the Genesis House and our other projects.

One in a Thousand

As you know, the Genesis House is up-and-running now. However, our work is not done yet. It takes approximately £12,000 a year to sustain the project. It sounds an awful lot of money, but would only take 1000 people to donate £10 a year.

Would you like to become One in a Thousand? Your donation for one or more consecutive years would provide for the children and ensure their future. In return for your gift each year you will receive a limited edition badge → (only 1000 ever made) and regular updates on the life of the Genesis House.



The first 1000 badges have already gone and the next opportunity to become one in a thousand will be this autumn. If you have already joined 1 in 1000 we will send you the next badge automatically. If you have not joined yet but would like to reserve your badge please fill in the

Gift Aid Declaration Form → and send it with the cheque made out to **New Beginnings, to Pat Wright MBE, Vineyard Cottage, 45 Appleby Road, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 6ES. Tel: 01539 727 158. If you do not pay tax, please tick "NO GIFT AID" on the form.**

The donations made through Gift Aid mean that your gift could be worth almost 30% extra without any further cost to you simply by completing the form. This will recover the cost of the badge, postage, etc.

Every Little Helps!

Only a small proportion of money donated to New Beginnings goes towards running expenses of the charity! All members of our committee are dedicated volunteers. So when you make a donation you can be sure that the majority of it will go straight to the children and **not** to cover various administration expenses.

Moving into 21st Century

We would like to take this opportunity to announce the launch of our new web site. Please visit for regular updates and announcements.

**Thank you for your
continious support**

www.newbeginningscharity.org.uk



Gift Aid Declaration

I am a UK taxpayer and would like New Beginnings to reclaim tax on the enclosed gift.

- I would like to become 1 in a 1000
 I would like to make a donation

Title _____ Initial _____

Surname _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Amount _____

(Please make cheques payable to New Beginnings)

Date _____

Phone (optional) _____

Note: You must pay an amount of income tax and / or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the tax year (currently 28p for each £1 you give). Otherwise tick below

NO GIFT AID

New Beginnings will not pass your details on to any other organisation.

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