# **COCOM** better chan for children since 1739

## We are Coram

Based in Bloomsbury for over 280 years, Coram is the first and longest continuing children's charity. We champion children's rights and wellbeing, making lives better through legal support, advocacy, adoption and our range of therapeutic, educational and cultural programmes.

We understand what works for children and young people, and we use that insight and experience to engage with government, local authorities, social workers, teachers, carers and families – all those in a position to make a difference - to help deliver better practice, systems and laws.

Established as the Foundling Hospital in 1739, today we are a vibrant charity group of specialist organisations, supporting hundreds of thousands of children, young people and families every year.

#### Lucy's story

When Lucy was forced to leave her family home at 15 she had nowhere to go. Coram's legal service jumped in, helping her to secure accommodation and support for her mental health.

"I had a lot of childhood trauma. I ended up in a very uncomfortable place with children's social care. Coram helped me with all my issues and gave me the confidence to stand my ground. My solicitor Kelly gave me reassurance that what I was asking for wasn't unreasonable. Feeling safe and happy – that's not too much for any child to ask for."

### Get involved

### Donate today

You can give online at coram.org.uk If you would prefer to give over the phone, or need any assistance, please contact Supporter Care on **020 7520 0330**. (Office hours are Mon – Fri, 9am - 5pm.) You can also email us at **supportercare@coram.org.uk** 

### Join The Coram Society

As a member, you will have access to a serious of wide-ranging events throughout the year. Find out more in the 'Support us' section of our website. With your support, we can bring loving families together through our adoption services and support children struggling to read in primary school. We can give a voice to young care leavers at risk of homelessness and we can galvanise professionals and government to create better chances for children.

### Volunteer with us

We are looking for volunteers who can support our vital work with children, young people and families You can see all our volunteering opportunities at www.coram.org.uk/volunteer-us

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