



Forget  
Me-notts

Operation  
Orphan



**Referral**

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Get involved with our referrals  
by looking out for this icon  
on our social media pages!

# Who we are & what we do.

Forget-Me-Notts is Operation Orphan's UK based project. We meet the practical needs of the most vulnerable children in our local community and help each child to know they are not forgotten.

## What we do

Through our referral process we give targeted, practical help to 'at risk' children across the East Midlands and the Fylde Coast in Lancashire, in many cases helping to prevent children from being taken into care. Often, cases are closed to social care after the families have received our support.

## How it works

Support agencies such as Social Services assess each child's needs and submit a referral to us with an overview of the family's situation and a list of items that would significantly improve the quality and safety of the child's environment. This often includes items such as beds and safety gates, which are basic necessities in any home but are not so easily obtainable for families dealing with unemployment, homelessness or escaping domestic violence.

## An immediate impact

We like to share photos of our completed referrals on our social media pages to show that items donated to us have been given directly to families that need them. This can really inspire people as they are able to see the difference their donation has helped to make. Although we can't ever show pictures of the children we are providing for, the feedback we receive always confirms that this is having a huge impact and empowering social workers to make a significant difference.



# How can you help?

- 1 Purchasing items from our Amazon wish list
- 2 Making a financial donation online
- 3 Organising a bedding collection
- 4 Planning a fundraiser

## Get in touch

Please like or follow the Forget-Me-Notts social media pages, get in touch at [www.operation-orphan.org/contact-us](http://www.operation-orphan.org/contact-us) or email us on [forget-me-notts@operation-orphan.org](mailto:forget-me-notts@operation-orphan.org) if you would like to get involved.

You can stay in touch and support us by following, liking and sharing our Forget-Me-Notts social pages, where you can also get real-time donation requests.

## Can you introduce us?

In order for us to fulfil the ever-increasing number of requests, we also need help in widening our support base. You could help by linking us to companies, groups or even your circle of friends – anyone who might be willing to get involved.

## Seasonal treats!

During Christmas and Easter we give chocolate gifts to children who are in care or known to the care system locally. Sadly, for many children, this will be the only gift they receive. Reports back from social workers distributing these gifts tell us that this small gesture means so much to the children; it shows them they are not forgotten. If you'd like to get involved with this, we would love to hear from you.



If you have an item that you would like to donate to us, please get in touch (include a photo and description as this will help us to know if we can make use of your item). We can only accept items we know we can find a suitable home for.

# FAQS

## Do donations have to be brand new?

No, we can accept donations of pre-loved items as long as they are in a good condition with no damage, stains or missing parts.

## Can you guarantee that my donation will go to a referral family?

The vast majority of items donated are used to fulfil our referrals, but occasionally this is not possible. If we receive donations of items that we cannot use, we reserve the right to either pass them on to another charity, recycle or sell them to benefit our projects.

## Are there any items that you cannot take?

Yes. We cannot take donations of second-hand white goods, electrical items, or mattresses for cots/cot beds.

## Do you collect donations?

Yes. We are a very small team but as long as you live within a 10-mile radius from our office in Attenborough, we can plan to collect at a time that fits in with us delivering referrals. Smaller donations can be dropped off at our office at an agreed time.



## What is Operation Orphan?

Operation Orphan is a Nottingham based children's charity that supports orphans and vulnerable children around the world. Incorporated in 2010, we now have projects in 16 countries ranging from educational provision and AIDS counselling to nutritional support and crisis response. We aim to deliver support to thousands of children in a sustainable, holistic and culturally relevant way. Operation Orphan is underwritten by corporate sponsors, so 100% of donations received are used to strengthen the care structure of the children.



We are grateful to our long term corporate partners who are supporting the project practically as well as financially. If you know of a company who would like to get involved please let us know.