

Will your school help us end homelessness?

Support from schools just like yours has done so much to help children like Emma.

Please will your school take part in a Christmas Fundraiser to help us get even more families like Emma's out of homelessness for good?

Follow the QR Code and register your Fundraising Event



This will be Emma's second Christmas in homelessness. Please help us make her Christmas wish come true.

For Christmas I want a puppy for the whole family. And then some toys and some toys for my little brother. And a house. I know some people ~~are~~ are here longer than us. But my friend was here the same time as us and her family got a house. So I hope that we can get one too. I would like a house so when I come home from school I don't have to come here. It's hard to ~~see~~ sleep here because



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Students and Teachers, we need your help as Child Homelessness Rises Above 4,400 for First Time. Family homelessness also hits a new record of 2,000

it's very cold here in the room. And ^{we} have no place to play. I have to do my homework on my bed. But the bed is kinda soft and I need a hard table or else my hand-writing is really weird.

If we can have a house we can have our own rooms and everything just for us.

I would like a kitchen + a living room and a garden. So we can watch tv and I can invite my ~~friend~~ friends over + bake.

I'm not really a baker but maybe someday I will be.

My mam says we can't have a puppy here. But when we get a house, not the short term house but the actual house. We can get a puppy. Or a bunny. That would be nice too.

EMMA



WE IN Focus Ireland want to tell you about a very special little girl. Her name is Emma. She is only nine years old, but she has already spent one year and two months of her young life in homelessness. This will be the second Christmas that Emma and her family have had no place to call home. But she doesn't know that yet. Emma is still hoping her wish for a home of her own will come true.

Focus Ireland is built on the kindness and generosity of people like you. That's why we are hoping that you will be able to help us make Emma's wish come true by organising a school fundraiser. It is easier than you think, but it means everything to those who need your support.

All the help you need

We'll give you all the help you require when you sign up. And you don't need to raise thousands to make a real difference. Every little bit of support is so valuable. Raising just €125 could help provide one week of training and educational supports for a young person.

The **Journey Home is on Friday 13th December** this year across the country (you can do it on a date that suits you also).

The Journey Home is where choirs and groups get together to sing their fav Christmas songs and carols in an effort to raise funds to support families, just like Emma's.

Calling at your station

We are also inviting you to sing at one of our pre-arranged Iarnród Éireann Stations – Heuston Station (Dublin), Connolly Station (Dublin), Kilkenny Station (Kilkenny), Kent Station (Cork), Colbert Station (Limerick), or at an alternative location of your choosing. **Get in touch here: events@focusireland.ie**

This is the ideal opportunity for your school to raise funds to help families experiencing homelessness. Children, parents, and teachers get the opportunity to practice songs, tune into the joy of Christmas and share this joy in your own school or locality.

A sense of solidarity

Sing out of your comfort zone and into a deep sense of solidarity and community, whilst raising vital funds for Focus Ireland to continue its work towards ending homelessness.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our team at any time and we will support you.