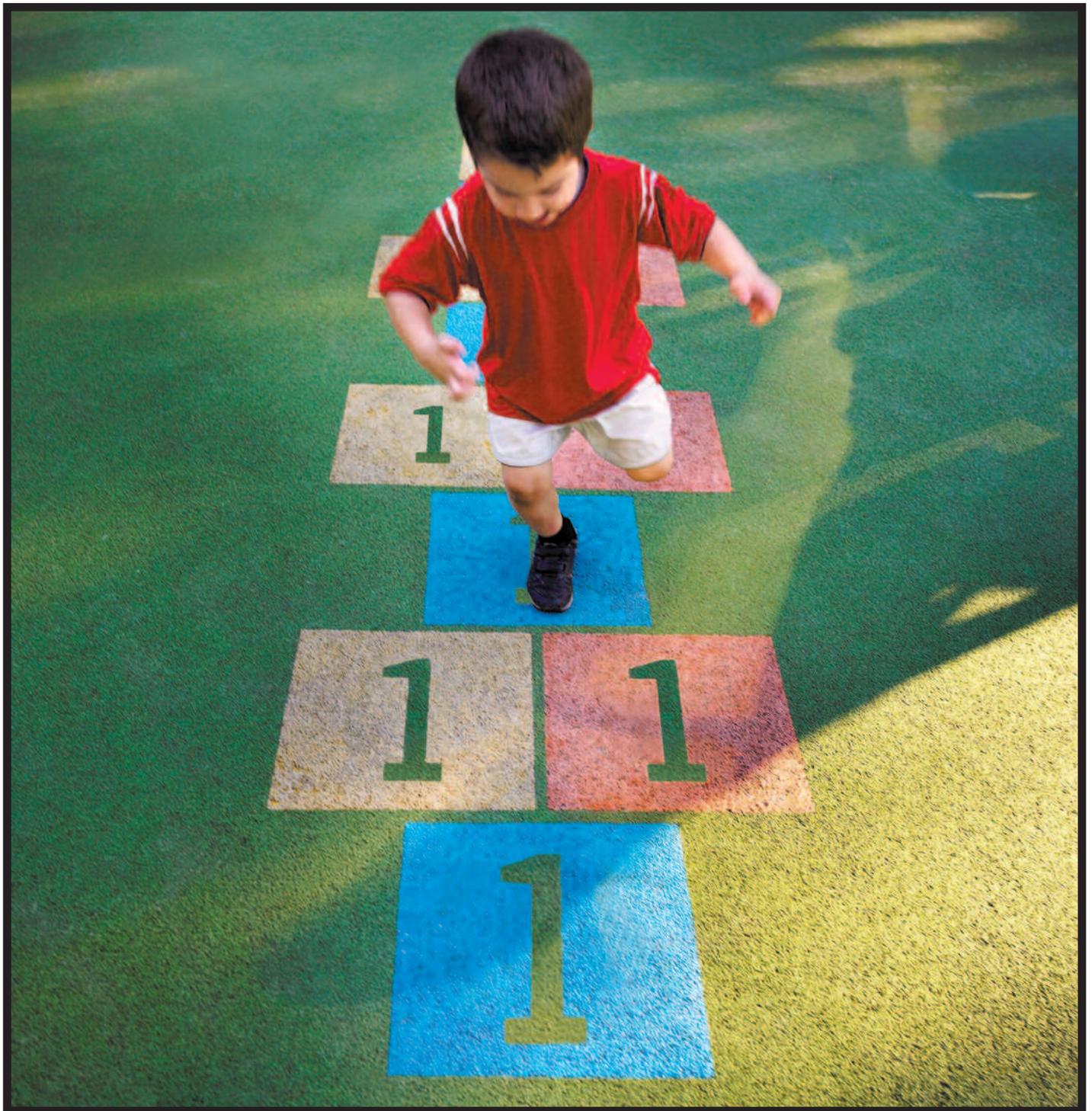


Pioneers in child welfare

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The first children's charity in England



Pioneering since 1739

When Thomas Coram, a retired sea captain, returned to England after years in the American colonies he was appalled by the sight of children abandoned and left to die on the streets of London. In 1739, after 17 years of campaigning, he finally obtained a Royal Charter from King George II to establish a “hospital for the maintenance and education of exposed and deserted young children”. The Foundling Hospital, as it became known, is England's first and oldest children's charity.

The Foundling Museum now stands on the original site of the Foundling Hospital. It houses the nationally important, permanent collection, donated by the great artists and musicians of the day including Hogarth and Handel, as well as an illuminating exhibition of the charity's social history. Just next door to the Foundling Museum, Coram Family continues the pioneering work of the Foundling Hospital, from its attractive tree-lined campus.

Coram Family established award-winning services in adoption, supervised child contact and supported housing for care leavers. These were soon followed by an Early Excellence Children's Centre, combining an early years nursery and a parents' centre, so successfully that it became the model for Government and led to the national Sure Start scheme being launched by the Prime Minister from the Coram Community Campus. We have continued to build on these programmes with a wide range of family support services and work with very vulnerable children and young people.

Almost 270 years on, Coram Family provides a living link to the legacy of Thomas Coram's work, helping thousands of disadvantaged children, young people and families.

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Chairman's and Chief Executive's review



This year has been one of the most extraordinary in the history of services for children and families. There has been a sea change in the structures and expectations laid down by Government. Of greatest importance has been the arrival of the Every Child Matters framework, a new Children Act (2004), Children's Service Agencies, the National Service Framework and the beginning of Children's Trusts.

Coram Family has taken the new unfolding world of the Every Child Matters children's service framework very seriously. All of our services have been working on outcomes, evidence, multi-agency working and the arrival of Children's Trusts. The focus on local services, the growth of extended schools and the plans for increasing the numbers of children's centres have fitted extraordinarily well with our commitment to family support services that are focused on where the child lives. In the pioneering spirit of our great founder Thomas Coram we continue to develop innovative ideas of service design and delivery based on research so that we are at the forefront of shaping the future of services for children.

We have achieved much this year. We continue to work with around 6,000 children, families and young people. Many tens of thousands more nationally benefit from our training and consultancy work which draws on the experience gained through the projects that we initiate and manage. Highlights of the year include: winning the UK Charity Award 2005 in the Education and Training

category for our Listening to Young Children Training and Development Service; our Adoption and Permanent Families service becoming the third largest voluntary adoption agency in the UK; boys2MEN winning the London regional Health and Social Care Awards; and our Parents' Centre developing new practice-linked accredited training for practitioners working with parents.

The year was not without loss; the retirement of our former Chief Executive Dame Gillian Pugh, who, more than most, has changed the face of early years services for children nationally left a significant gap for the organisation to fill; we know we can continue to count on her unswerving support and immense knowledge.

This was also David Goldstone's last year as Chairman of the Court of Governors after a very successful term, but we are very fortunate to have appointed a new and excellent Chairman, Sir Christopher Benson, with whom we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

Last but not least we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our supporters without whose help we would not be able to make the difference that we do to so many young lives.

David Goldstone
Chairman of the
Court of Governors

Honor Rhodes
Chief Executive

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The first and only concurrent planning service to be established in London



Adoption and Permanent Families Service

Coram Family's Adoption and Permanent Families Service is now the third largest voluntary adoption agency in the UK. Our national reach is substantial and covers London, the South East of England, East Anglia and the East Midlands. We have placed 60 children this year and plan to increase that number to 75 children next year. Coram's adoption service continues to place children with medical needs, brothers and sisters and children with very complex heritages. The journeys these children make through their adoptions are equally complicated and require the painstaking work of our experienced adoption social workers to support them and their new families.

Our **Concurrent Planning Project** is one of only four in the UK. This project works with very young children who are under two, placing them with specially trained and supported foster families whilst local authority care proceedings are happening. The child either returns to his or her birth parents who have made sufficient changes to ensure that the child can live with them safely or, is adopted by the concurrency foster carers. This means that the scheme prevents broken attachments. It also places the risk with the adult carers of the child, and painful as that may be, they are better placed than a small child to manage the consequences of any necessary change in living arrangements. By avoiding "drift in care" Coram Family can give these young children the best chance to build secure attachments and ensure their future emotional wellbeing.

Adopt Anglia is located in Cambridge and is the only voluntary adoption agency in the area. It matches difficult to place children with adopters and offers a highly professional and extensive service. Adopt Anglia's team is highly skilled in placing older children, and has a particular expertise in placing children with special complex needs and disabilities.

Coram Adoption: East Midlands has a history of working with children who require more time, skill and expertise for their placements to be successful. It is one of the few teams offering dedicated support groups for adopted children and young people and has done so for the last five years. We are currently running a new and very effective project to recruit more black and minority ethnic adopters.

Adoption Research: Our special contribution

The Coram Adoption and Permanent Families Service is a partner with the Anna Freud Centre and Great Ormond Street Hospital in a research programme to develop a deeper understanding of adoption and what works best in supporting adopted children and their new parents.

We received a grant from the Big Lottery Fund to undertake a second phase of this longitudinal study and this will enable us to look at the special needs of vulnerable adopted adolescents.

The service has just developed and piloted extra material to add to the Webster Stratton "Incredible Years" parenting skills training for use with adopters.

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"We are very privileged to have help and support from Coram and would like to express our thanks for your excellent service."

Adoptive parents



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Referrals were received from over 24 local authorities from around the UK, as well as from the London region of CAFCASS.

1,200
contact sessions
were provided this year

Child Contact Service

In a society where divorce and separation is becoming increasingly common, Coram's Child Contact Services enable children to have safe, supervised contact with parents, brothers and sisters, grandparents and other important family members from whom they are separated. We also offer this service to children who live in local authority care, many of whom have complex family relationships that must be maintained for the child to have a sense of security and an understanding of their history. The service is nationally renowned and we are proud to be regarded as the UK's leading specialist agency in its field, at work for nearly 20 years providing parents and children with safety in which to continue their loving relationships.

Managing contact successfully is a complicated business; we have to prepare children by showing them our comfortable homely rooms, the toys and activities they can play with, the kitchen where their parent can make them a snack and a drink, the sorts of things that most parents take for granted. We prepare parents by helping them understand their child's anxieties and conflict. We help them think hard about entering a room quietly and not rushing to embrace their child but waiting for the child to come to them. We help them think about age appropriate presents that will not cause trouble when a child takes them home and the sorts of questions a child might have about that parent's absence. We do all this whilst keeping the child safe from harm and even from the threat of abduction.

We work to enable families to manage contact themselves, acting as trained negotiator between parents and wider family members. We know how hard supervised contact is and that a more natural setting is what everyone wants whilst ensuring that children remain safe from harm; we just have to help some parents work harder than others to achieve this goal.

We ensure that what we have learned is available to other people and agencies working in this complicated and distressing field of work. We disseminate our practice through training and research, in common with all Coram Family services.

Our new training and consultancy service is now well established and 12 new Government-funded contact centres have received training and support. We will continue this work, whilst working on the development of clinical tools to demonstrate effectiveness and positive change for children. Other new work includes a project specifically seeking to identify and meet the needs of black and minority ethnic community children and their families. Using contact and legal services, we will pioneer this work in the coming year whilst continuing to educate legal professionals and influence legal processes that affect children separated from a parent or parents.

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The first to provide a child contact training and consultancy service



The first to develop an accredited life and social skills programme for vulnerable young people living in supported housing



Housing and Support Services

This service supports vulnerable young people, including care leavers, homeless young people and asylum seekers, to develop the skills for living that they will need all their lives. Government policy has taken this group of young people and their particular needs very seriously; research shows that they emerge into adulthood ill equipped to be healthy, happy and productive citizens. Our thoughtful, effective and well planned services have an enormous contribution to make to this particularly disadvantaged group of young people with poor educational results and often poor physical and mental health.

With houses in four London boroughs and with a commitment to doing more, Coram has pioneered a new training programme enabling young people in our care to acquire life skills, continue in education and training and find real aspirations that will take them forward even when we are no longer there to help.

Young people in our houses have helped us develop comprehensive training for the Life and Social Skills Programme that we are now able to offer to other agencies working in this field. They told us that they were uncertain how to find a GP, how to develop the sense of responsibility that means you go to the dentist even when you don't want to and how to overcome barriers to careers that interested them.

Mentoring and Personal Advisors have been a key part of our service and we continue to seek funds to allow more of this non-stigmatising help to be offered to young people who can really make use of these opportunities.

And we want to do more, so this year we have increased the service by a third as many room spaces again, and we opened a new house in Brent. Coram Family remains committed to working where we are needed most and with groups of children and young people other agencies find too hard or risky to work with. These young people need more help than most and Coram Family continues the job of good parenting with skill and care.

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“After working on the Healthy Lifestyle unit, one of the young people I work closely with is so eager to show me he's buying healthy foods and demonstrate his cooking skills. He seems to be more aware now of the importance of healthy eating.”

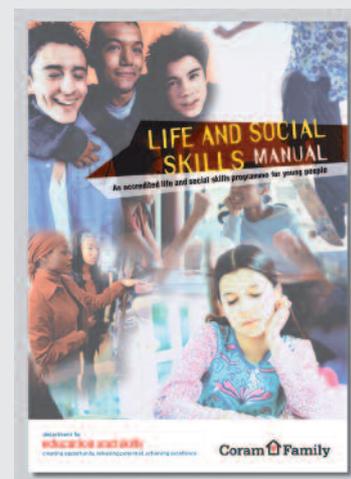
Support Worker on Life and Social Skills Manual

“The centre coordinator and her team have produced a very professional scheme of work using units that they have written themselves.”

AQA Assessor's comments on Life and Social Skills Manual

100%
of young people sitting examinations with the education service gained qualifications

95%
of young people successfully sustained their tenancies with us



boys2MEN in partnership with Brent Council's Children's Fund and Brent Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) won the London final of the Health and Social Care Awards

"Thank you for relieving some of the stress related to spending 24/7 with an Asperger's child and an Autistic teenager! I really appreciated the break!"

Parent, Greenwich On Track project

"By controlling my own behaviour and building a better relationship with my children I have also gained a lot of confidence in myself"

Parent, Greenwich On Track project

Services for Vulnerable Children and Young People

These services work in partnership with local authorities and other funders to develop new projects for children and their families. We design them to meet new needs and ensure that their success can be copied by others who want to develop such services themselves.

Coram Family is particularly interested in using research to design services able to combat disadvantage. The children and their families we work with are always those who are especially vulnerable or at risk of engaging in antisocial behaviour.

SkY-VoC is a programme that was established in Southwark after the death of Damilola Taylor. It works with children and young people aged between 8–17 to help them to overcome bullying. Workers teach young people to avoid bullying and harassment because we know that this is one vital thing that we can do to help these young people stop becoming bullies themselves, something that can seem like a terrible inevitability in other circumstances. SkY-VoC staff use a specially designed programme to tackle the issue of victim awareness and personal safety. We are excited by the new one-to-one support service for young victims of crime through which we can offer help by informal contact, texting, mentoring and a helpline. This successful scheme is run by Coram Family in partnership with the Southwark Youth Offending Team and is funded by the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund.

Coram Family's **boys2MEN** project works with young black men who are vulnerable, at risk of being forgotten, at risk of moving into dangerous situations including crime and at risk of having their ambitions and opportunities lost sight of and becoming unattainable. Our innovative and award winning programme delivers effective services to groups that others find "hard to reach"; young men with challenging behaviour, young fathers, young people in care and young offenders. An entirely new programme, in partnership with Brent Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, has been established to meet the special needs of young African Caribbean

boys with very significant emotional and behavioural difficulties. We have great ambitions for this service as we know how badly it is needed – not only across London but nationwide. We are working to ensure that we can offer **boys2MEN** to the thousands of boys and young men who would benefit from its structured and positive interventions.

Coram Family knows that schools are an immensely important focus for making changes in children's lives. We have devised a number of projects that enable schools to help children and their families. At Coram's **Greenwich On Track** project we are working alongside others to reduce the number of vulnerable children who risk a school exclusion because of their behaviour. Some of the children and young people exhibit signs of antisocial behaviour so we work with them, their families and schools to make this something that gets stopped in its tracks. By working with children and their families wherever they feel most comfortable, their school, their home or their streets we can deliver effective and acceptable help to a whole community.

The Coram Family **Camden Primary Schools Project** offers similar outcomes but works to achieve improvements in social and emotional functioning, educational attainment, rates of exclusion and attendance of children and, importantly, the real interest of parents in their child's education, a new experience for parents who have deeply ambivalent experiences of schooling themselves, and no sense that education can represent a pathway out of poverty.

Six Camden primary schools received support in 2004/05 and over 600 children have used specialist support including psychotherapy, school home liaison workers, speech and language therapy and the well regarded learning mentor scheme.

Again our commitment to sharing our knowledge means that Coram has produced a multidisciplinary team handbook for two of the schools, identified by the DfES as "best practice" in a web case study.

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300+

young people across the borough of Southwark have benefited from SkY-VoC's services this year alone

1,000

children and families supported by Greenwich On Track during 2004/05



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SkY-VoC is the first project in London to be dedicated to young victims of crime



The first to offer practice-linked
accredited training for practitioners
working with parents



“I feel so much more confident now I attend the drop-in, I know more about children and parenting and have made real friends. I have enrolled on a NVQ2 childcare course and have begun volunteering with Home Start to support other parents.”

Serena

Parents' Centre

The Parents' Centre is a central part of the “one stop shop” approach developed across Coram Community Campus and has a key role in disseminating the good practice developed with children and families, both within Coram Family and in the wider professional community. The Campus offers a range of services to parents, carers and young children in the King's Cross area of London.

The Parents' Centre is a self-contained service that was part of the Thomas Coram Early Excellence Centre with the Nursery on the Campus. This year the partnership expanded to include the local Sure Start programme and became an early-designated Children's Centre. The Centre provides the model for the Government's delivery of centre-based integrated multi-agency services, which meet the needs of children and families.

Staff work within the Parents' Centre and at outposts like the local health clinic and in families' own homes to support parents in the complexity of their parenting role.

We know that parents can become better ones if we encourage their understanding of children's learning and development. We help parents who want to work, to gain the confidence and skills they need to seek employment. Whilst parents are learning we provide high quality childcare to enable them to be free enough to really participate in our crowded programme of activities and to seek work.

We can offer highly specialised services from our campus buildings. Children and their parents benefit from Music Therapy, an after school club, outreach work that helps the local Bangladeshi community, and a highly regarded Young Parents Project. Our new training service has been established for staff from within and outside Coram Family to study for the first-ever nationally recognised qualification in Working with Parents, linked to the National Occupational Standards.

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Sure Start King's Cross and Holborn achieved the highest rating for efficiency when audited by the Sure Start unit.



Family Support Services

All families need help and support at times, some particularly vulnerable families need more help than most – and highly skilled help at that. The Family Support Services work with these families by helping them identify their existing strengths, working to enable them to develop and grow their capacity to care for and meet the needs of their children much more effectively.

The Tower Hamlets Strengthening Families Project is a borough wide project in partnership with the Race Equality Unit and Tower Hamlets Council. The project provides family support services on a one to one basis, through parenting programmes and community activities. At the heart of the project is the Strengthening Families Parenting Programme which uses group work to focus on self-esteem, behaviour management, positive discipline, problem solving skills, community links and developing strong cultural roots. The project has supported 200 parents and over 500 children with extraordinarily effective outcomes recorded in the vast majority of cases.

The Milton Keynes Family Support Project opened in June 2004. Drawing on the successful models and practice of our Tower Hamlets Project, this project provides family support to vulnerable families and supervised contact for children separated from their parents as well as the highly successful Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities parenting programme. Since opening we have supported 96 families including 144 children. We have opened our programme to parents who come to use our services because a court has directed them to do so. Parenting Orders are complicated to manage but our parents have progressed through the programme and have emerged as our strongest advocates.

Sure Start King's Cross and Holborn
After a successful period as the Accountable Body for this Sure Start programme Coram Family transferred its responsibilities to the London Borough of Camden. During the year, King's Cross and Holborn Sure Start commissioned many new services from Coram Family, including crèches, drop-ins, family events, health support services and family support visiting and advice.

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The first to run a Strengthening Families Parenting Programme in Milton Keynes



The first and only established Listening to Young Children Training and Development Service in the country



“This training is very inspirational, it will help me to involve the children more in decision-making and therefore enhance our work as a team.”

Trainee

Listening to Young Children Training and Development Service

The **Listening to Young Children Training and Development Service** is an innovative approach, recognised for its excellence in supporting early years professionals to enable young children to participate routinely in the services they receive. Focusing on training for early years professionals, the Service helps staff see the world through the eyes of young children. The scheme ensures that children can make a “positive contribution” to their learning, social care and health care.

An initial research project was run by Coram Family with 170 children in a variety of settings including nurseries, a primary school, and other centres that provide services to parents and children.

Now, three types of training have been rolled out across the UK, including a training of trainers course, commissioned by the Government's Sure Start Unit, available to all 150 local authorities in the UK.

Evaluation of the training is showing that people come away “inspired and able” to empower children to influence service provision. Through a process of genuine consultation children are being heard and are being included in decision-making processes.

Coram Family's Listening to Young Children Training and Development Service was awarded one of the most prestigious accolades in the charity sector at the Charity Awards 2005. The service picked up the coveted award in the Education and Training category. The Charity Awards judges were looking for examples of excellence from which other organisations can learn. They felt that the difference Coram Family has made in this area was especially deserving of that recognition.

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Fundraising, Marketing and Public Relations

It was another year of growth in fundraising for Coram Family. Two significant corporate Charity of the Year relationships were secured – with Baring Asset Management and Berwin Leighton Paisner.

During the year our strategy in individual donor recruitment and development began to show significant returns. Donor development from direct mail cash appeals in particular performed well, with results improving much faster than predicted.

This year the restricted income raised for the childcare services was £2,675,000 which represented a substantial increase from the previous year.

Gross unrestricted income from donations, legacies and similar incoming resources was £551,000. This was up from £496,000 in the previous year.

In November Coram Family held one of its most successful events ever: *The Producers* gala performance and dinner. Our *Handel Birthday Concert* was a more intimate event than in recent years, with an emphasis on nurturing relationships, held in the splendour of the recently opened Foundling Museum. The number of committed people wishing to run the London Marathon for us continued to rise.

Both the opening of the Foundling Museum and Gillian Pugh's well deserved DBE helped to raise our profile and increase coverage in the national and regional press. Our other triumphs reported in the media throughout the year included: the Listening to Young Children Training and Development Service winning the UK Charity Award 2005; the Listening to Young Children conference in March; the launch of Coram Adoption East Midlands in April 2005; and boys2MEN winning the London regional Health and Social Care Awards.

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£2,675k
restricted income



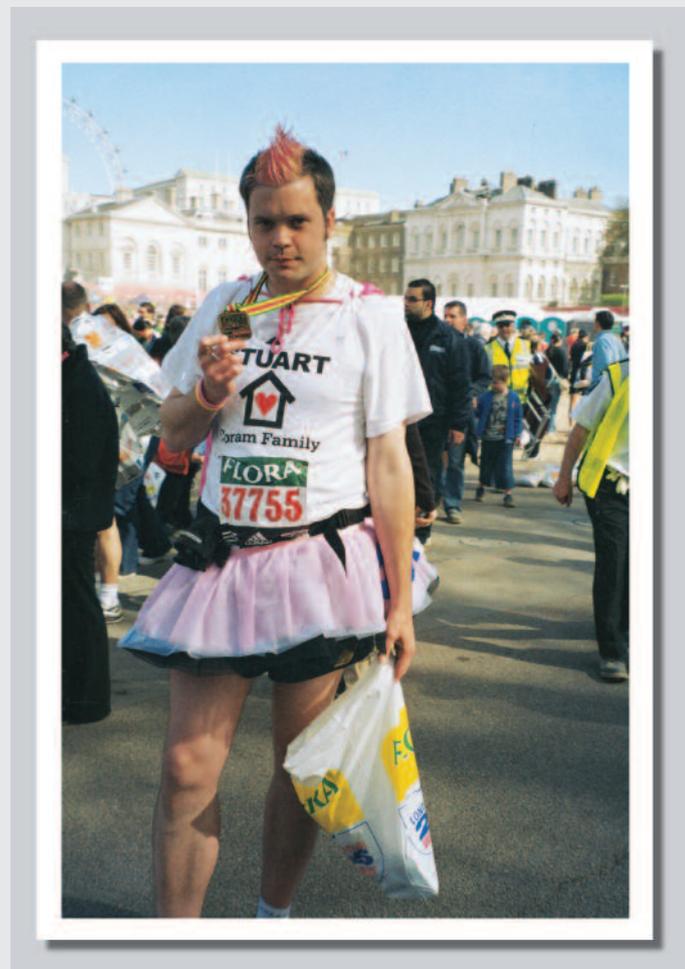
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Finance overview

Total incoming resources of Coram's child care services have reached £7,166,934 for the year (up by 4% from the previous year), with total resources being expended of £7,432,518 (down by 4% from the previous year).

A planned budget deficit had been set for the year, and the net outgoing resources of £265,584, were less than the budget.

Investment income has increased from £378,586 to £538,588 in 2005 partly due to interest received from the Development Endowment fund and as a consequence of switching in April 2004 to new fund managers and pursuing an expanded asset allocation strategy encompassing hedge funds, private equity and property. This was in addition to investing in traditional asset classes such as equities and bonds. The previous policy of reviewing fund performance against a benchmark was replaced with a total returns policy that the charity expects from its fund managers. The change in investment strategy was to diversify our portfolio to reduce overall volatility of returns and recover some of the previous gains in the value of the expendable endowment.

The final instalment of £1.3 million was received from the sale of Hogarth's painting The March of the Guards to Finchley to the Foundling Museum, as part of a twenty five year agreement that allows the museum to buy Coram's heritage assets. The sale value, which was accounted for in full in the 2004 accounts, was £4 million.

Reserves

The general endowment is expendable. In the absence of significant unrestricted fundraising income, it provides reserves to protect the charity's working capital to finance day to day activities; and funds for the development of new and existing childcare services.

The net value of the balance sheet has increased by £409,692 to £17,482,779. Of this £17.5 million, £4.2 million is capital and interest earned on the sale of Hogarth's painting The March of the Guards to Finchley. These funds have been earmarked for redeveloping and increasing space available on the campus for the charity's expanding work with vulnerable children and families and classified as an expendable development fund.

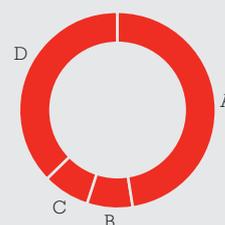
Restricted funds are earmarked for specific projects, and have been carried over for spending in the next, or future, financial years.

The fixed asset permanent endowment fund represents the value of buildings and other tangible fixed assets owned by the charity.

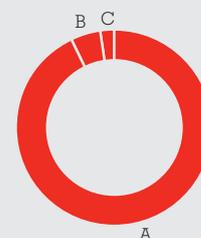
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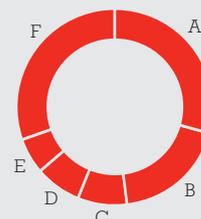
Income 2005	%
A Fees for services provided	47.5
B Investment and property income	7.5
C Donations, legacies and similar income	7.7
D Trust and government grants	37.3



Expenditure 2005	%
A Charitable projects and grants made	92.8
B Cost of generating funds	4.9
C Management and administration	2.3



Investment asset allocation 2005	%
A Sarasin Globalsar Balanced Fund	29.3
B Schroder Charity Equity Fund	18.7
C Schroder Alternative Diversified Fund	8.1
D Hermes Property Fund Units	7.6
E Schroder UK Alpha Plus Fund	5.9
F Other investments (less than 5% each)	30.4



Summary financial information

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Income and expenditure

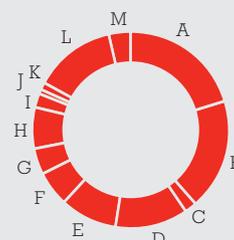
	2005 £000	2004 £000
Income		
Fees for services provided	3,403	3,738
Investment and property income	538	379
Donations, legacies and similar income	551	496
Trust and government grants	2,675	2,257
	7,167	6,870
Expenditure		
Charitable projects and grants made	6,900	7,338
Cost of generating funds	361	289
Management and administration	171	124
	7,432	7,751
Deficit for year	(265)	(881)
Gains on investment assets	675	1,269
Disposal of historic asset	-	4,000
Increase in assets	410	4,388

Balance sheet

	2005 £000	2004 £000
Capital funds		
Endowment Fund	7,599	7,496
Tangible Fixed Assets Fund	4,465	4,529
Development Fund	4,148	4,041
Restricted funds	694	430
Unrestricted funds	577	577
	17,483	17,073
Net assets		
Fixed assets	4,465	4,529
Investments	8,427	7,619
Net current assets	4,591	4,925
	17,483	17,073

Detailed charitable expenditure 2005

	%
A Housing & Support (formerly Leaving Care)	20.3
B Adoption	18.3
C Fostering New Links (closed May 2004)	2.0
D Service Support Costs	12.0
E Parents' Centre	9.4
F Community Campus & Property	5.8
G Child Contact	4.3
H Family Support	6.8
I Sure Start King's Cross & Holborn	2.3
J Other Services	0.5
K New Project Development	1.2
L Vulnerable Children	13.5
M Listening to Young Children	3.6



Statement by the Trustees

The financial information given here is an accurate summary of data extracted from the Charity's Report and Accounts which were approved by the Trustees on 19 October 2005, and on which our auditors gave an unqualified opinion. These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to enable a full understanding of the results and financial affairs of the Charity. Please contact the Secretary for a copy of the full financial statements, which have been submitted to the Charity Commission.

Independent Auditors' statement to the Trustees of Coram Family

We have examined the summarised financial information set out on pages 20 and 21

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and auditors

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the summarised financial information in accordance with the recommendations of the Charities SORP. Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summarised financial information with the full financial statements and Trustees' Annual Report. We also read the information contained in the summarised annual report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the summarised financial information.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 1999/6 "The auditors' statement on the summary financial statement" issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the United Kingdom.

Opinion

In our opinion the summarised financial information on pages 20 and 21 is consistent with the full financial statements and the Trustees' Annual Report of Coram Family for the year ended 31 March 2005. Buzzacott, 12 New Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1AG. 19 October 2005

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As at July 2005

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Our work and its context

For Coram Family the new priorities, service configurations and funding streams have meant that everyone has been looking carefully at what that means for their service: who will be the new partners in provision; how will the emphasis on parental support, consultation and assessment affect day-to-day activity; and will the new opportunities to innovate and add value offer families something exciting, new and effective.

Of enormous importance has been the opportunity to talk, and talk again, and to identify how Coram's well-honed set of competencies can offer new projects to a new world. We have gone out of our way to create every opportunity to ask statutory and voluntary partners about working together, meeting the new levels of expectation in prevention and enabling Children's Trusts to take up their difficult responsibilities. Coram Family, as a result of its many dialogues and its exploration of the all-important role of schools within the Extended Schools Programme, is confident that the breadth of early and preventative programmes, carefully grown over long years, will have an even stronger role in this new world based around outcomes for children and evidence of success.

Established Coram Family services include:

Adoption and Permanent Families Service

Finding families for children with complex needs.

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Housing and Support Services

Easing the difficult transition from care or homelessness to independence.

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Services for Vulnerable Children and Young People

Helping those at risk of social exclusion, within their local communities or schools.

Head of Service

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Parents' Centre

Education support and training for parents.

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Family Support Service

Supporting families through community based services and parent support programmes.

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Child Contact Service

The leading agency for supervised child contact.

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Listening to Young Children Training, Development and Consultancy Service

A pioneering way of listening to and working with young children.

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Friends of Thomas Coram

The Friends of Thomas Coram support the objectives of both Coram Family and the Foundling Museum by raising funds to assist the Museum to purchase the Coram collection of paintings for permanent public display, releasing the funds for the benefit of the children cared for by Coram Family.

To find out more about becoming a Friend please contact Amy Dartington on 020 7520 0330.

Old Coram Association

The Old Coram Association (OCA) was set up in 1947 to enable old boys and girls of the former Foundling Hospital/Thomas Coram Foundation for Children, present and former staff and their families to keep in touch with each other and Coram Family.

For further information about the Old Coram Association and how to become a member, please contact John Caldicott, on telephone number 01865 358075 or visit the website, www.ocal947.co.uk

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Baring Asset Management and
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Both organisations have committed to raise funds throughout the year for Coram Family through a host of sporting and social events. We are extremely grateful for their support and enthusiasm.

Coram Family relies on donations and legacies to continue providing services for some of the most emotionally and physically deprived children and young people in the UK. If you would be interested in donating or would like more information about our work please contact us:

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