



PRESS RELEASE

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- Wasps Legends donate £2,500 to Hope and Homes for Children.
- The donation will support two vulnerable children from the 110 children currently confined in these three institutions into families.

Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation, the past players network of Wasps, men and women, amateur and professional announced today that they have issued a small grant award of £2,500 to Hope and Homes for Children.

Hope and Homes for Children is working towards the day where children no longer suffer institutional care. A global expert in the field of deinstitutionalisation, we close institutions, support children into safe and loving families and prevent family breakdown. Established in 1994 at the height of the Bosnian war, we have since been building a global movement to eliminate orphanages within our lifetime. Currently working on the ground in seven countries across the world (Romania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Rwanda and Uganda), and influencing the decisions made by governments in many more, we are getting ever closer towards achieving our goal of ending institutional care for good.

The donation will support 2 vulnerable children from orphanages in Iasi County in Romania into safe, loving and nurturing families. Due to extreme poverty, poor employment and educational opportunities, regular flooding and lack of government services mean that families are at continual high risk of separation; with children placed in institutions as a default response to family crisis. By providing the intensive support, this donation will return the 2 children currently confined in these three institutions into families; providing the vital, wider holistic support that's needed to help prevent future separation.

Genevieve Glover, Chair of Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation said of the announcement: "We are very pleased to be supporting Hope and Homes for Children with this donation. Children need to grow up in safe, loving families to develop their full potential. Our donation will help give two children from Iasi County the chance to leave their bleak institutions and grow up with the love and support of a family."

Catherine Butt, Senior Community Partnerships Manager of Hope and Homes for Children added: "we are hugely grateful to the Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation for supporting this project to give two children the chance to grow up in a loving family. Orphanages do not protect children. They harm them. Which is why we are working towards a day where every child can grow up in a loving family."

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