

## **Nottingham Building Society donates £20,000 to Operation Orphan charity to support Turkey earthquake relief**

**28 February 2023**

Nottingham Building Society has today announced a £20,000 donation from its Samuel Fox Foundation to support on the ground humanitarian efforts following the devastating earthquake in Turkey earlier this month and the subsequent aftershock, resulting in tens of thousands of people losing their lives and an estimated 1.5 million people losing their homes.

The Society will support Nottingham-headquartered Operation Orphan, a charity supporting vulnerable children and young people across the world and 100% of the donation will be used to support current on-the-ground relief efforts in Turkey.

The relief efforts will be focused on providing shelter and safety to children and young people affected by the disaster, seeking to reunite them with their families where possible. The funds will help cover the costs of providing a safe place to stay for affected children and young people, as well as medical equipment and basic supplies such as food and water to support the many thousands of people who have had their homes destroyed.

Colleagues at The Nottingham will also have the opportunity to volunteer up to two days of their time, funded for by the Society, to support the charity in Nottingham as they respond to the emerging needs of the teams in Turkey. Individual colleague donations will also be matched.

### **Chief Executive Officer, Sue Hayes, commented:**

“Like others around the world, our team is deeply saddened by the devastating situation unfolding in Turkey and Syria following the series of earthquakes. Seeing many thousands of people lose their lives, families and their homes, we felt moved to help in any way we can.

“We know from working together last year the important work Operation Orphan do supporting children and young people in times of crisis, providing shelter and creating a safe space for those in need. Our colleagues are keen to play a part so partnering with a fellow Nottingham-based organisation means we can increase our impact with volunteering and collections, in addition to the financial donation from our charitable foundation. We’re proud to support such a fantastic Nottingham charity doing hugely important work to help those who have lost everything.”

Set up in 2021 and named after the founder of The Nottingham in 1849, The Samuel Fox Foundation donated almost £110,000 to local charities in 2022 and is committed to increasing that amount in 2023.

### **Brad Moore, Co-Founder at Operation Orphan said:**

“Our team are working hard to ensure children who have lost their parents are located, connected to the correct care structure and supported as they continue to heal from the trauma experienced. We greatly appreciate The Nottingham’s kind donation and look forward to helping support those affected.”