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The Human impact of Homelessness and the Housing Crisis – **A Children's Perspective**

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No Place Like Home

Children's views and experiences of living in Family Hubs

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WHAT CHILDREN & PARENTS LIKED ABOUT HUBS

Stability
Friends
Playing
Facilities
Activities
Support Food Staff
Safety
Helpfulness

"Some days I didn't even want to wake up because I didn't want to face this day... I am tired in school. Some days I would just sit there and not even smile." - **Rachel, aged 10**

"I don't like living here because I get bullied." - **Lucy, aged 7**

Fighting makes me nervous and scared" – **Lara, aged 13**

"I don't tell people I live here, it's a homeless hub... it's embarrassing. It's horrible, it's not nice".
- **Thomas, aged 16**

"I hate everything here" – **Noah aged 10**

- *“There should be more public housing around this place... What I want the government to do or to know, is that I hate this place, I am not going to lie I just hate this place. I am fine in here it is just my sister is the problem, she isn’t a problem but I want better for her. She shouldn’t have to be raised in this place, this is where she was first walking and crawling and stuff.”*

Rachel, aged 10

- *“Are they [the Government] in charge of landlords? Tell the landlords to keep the prices down and to build more houses.”* **Lena, aged 9**

KOFFI ANNAN – SECRETARY GENERAL OF UNITED NATIONS
(January 1997 to December 2006)
2001 Nobel Peace Prize



"There is no trust more sacred than the one the world holds with children. There is no duty more important than ensuring that their rights are **respected**, that **their welfare is protected**, that their **lives are free from fear and want** and that they can **grow up in peace**."

Thank You



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