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#### Welcome!

Welcome to the **Go Make A Difference Challenge for Nazareth House!** We're so thankful you're stepping in to help children and young people who are often overlooked—but never forgotten.

This isn't just about raising support—it's about **living out love, compassion, and action in your own community**, while helping sustain a home full of healing and hope in the Dominican Republic.

### What's the purpose?

Nazareth House provides 24-hour care for children and youth with **physical and mental disabilities**—most of whom have been orphaned or abandoned. It costs **£3000 each month** to fund caregivers and teachers who provide love, learning, and dignity every day.

But your challenge also has a local side: it's an opportunity to inspire generosity, service, and connection where *you* live—by doing something that brings people together, uplifts others, and spreads kindness.

### What makes this special?

This is more than a fundraiser—it's a movement.

**Local impact, global reach**—you're helping sustain a sanctuary of love at Nazareth House, while also planting seeds of compassion right in your own community.

Together, we Go Make A Difference.

## 2. How the Challenge Works

1. Form a Group

Gather friends, family, coworkers, or classmates to take on the challenge together.

- 2. **Do Something Meaningful in Your Community**Choose an activity that makes a positive impact—volunteer, serve, clean up, create, or care.
- Set a Fundraising Goal
  £3000 to cover one month of care for the children and young people at Nazareth House.

#### 4. Invite Support

Ask others to sponsor your group's efforts—donations go directly to Nazareth House.

- They can sponsor a group or an individual by going to www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/GoMADChallenge
- Don't forget to ask them to add Gift Aid if they are able.

#### 5. Make a Difference Near and Far

Celebrate the change you've made—both in your community and in the lives of those at Nazareth House.

### Timeline or key dates

- 1. Our official challenge month is October—but the real goal is to bring your team together and make a lasting impact. Whether you take on the challenge in October or any time that works for you, what matters most is doing it together and making a difference. We suggest you give your team enough time to plan for your event, as well as to collect sponsorship. 2 months will give your team plenty of time organize.
- 2. To make the biggest impact, we recommend giving your team at least a month to prepare—time to dream up your activity, rally support, and fundraise with purpose!

### Fundraising Goal

### 1. Group Fundraising Goal: Support One Month of Care – £3000

For your Go Make A Difference Challenge, we're inviting each group to set a bold, beautiful goal:

Raise £3000—enough to cover one full month of care at Nazareth House.

That one month provides:

- 24/7 care for children and young people with physical and mental disabilities
- Salaries for caregivers and teachers who give love, structure, and support every single day
- A home where every child is seen, safe, and surrounded by people who believe in them

Nazareth House is a sanctuary—but it only stays open with support. Your group can be part of keeping it going.

It might sound like a big number, but when you break it down, it's totally doable—and even fun—when you work as a team!

• £3000 ÷ 10 people = £300 per person

Each person just needs to raise \$350, which could look like:

- Asking 10 friends to give £30
- Sharing your story on social media and inviting people to support your cause

You don't need to do it all at once—and you're not doing it alone. When everyone pitches in with creativity, energy, and heart, reaching the goal becomes part of the adventure.

This is more than a fundraiser—it's a lifeline.

One month of care. One team of difference-makers. One powerful mission.

Let's Go Make A Difference—together.

#### 8. FAQs

Cover questions like:

- How do I register a Team?
  - Email <u>Claire@gomadtoday.org</u>
  - It is that easy.
- Can individuals join?
  - Yes—absolutely!

You don't need a team to make a difference. As an individual, you have the power to inspire change, take on a challenge that matters to you, and rally support for a cause that transforms lives. One person can spark a ripple effect—why not you?

- o How do I register Solo?
  - 1. Just email Claire at Claire@gomadtoday.org
- What's a meaningful project?
  - Need inspiration for your Go Make A Difference Challenge? We've created a **color-coded, multi-page brainstorming table** filled with ideas to help you and your group plan a creative, meaningful challenge

# **Environmental & Beautification Projects**

1. Neighborhood Clean-Up	- Trash collection
	- Cleaning parks/streams
	- Weed/mulch public spaces
	- Paint over graffiti
2. Pauls 9. Players and Pastavetion	- Repainting playgrounds/basketball courts
2. Park & Playground Restoration	- Shoveling snow/raking leaves
	- Host e-waste recycling
3. Recycling & Sustainability Event	- Clothing swap
	- Community garden blitz
	- Weed/plant/harvest
4. Community Garden Help	- Build compost bins
	- Deliver produce
	- Activities at senior centers
5. Senior Support Day	- Yardwork/maintenance for seniors
	- Ask local seniors home how to help
	- Prepare/distribute lunches
6. Meal Delivery or Grocery Help	- Deliver groceries/meals
	- Bake and Bless
	- Light construction
7. Home Projects for Those in Need	- Decluttering
	- Fixing porches, ramps
Helping the Vulnerable & Elderly	
8. Food Bank Volunteering	- Organizing at food pantries
	- Serving meals
	- Packing food hampers
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9. Blessing Bag Assembly	- Snack kits with notes
10. Meal Packing Event	- Large group event to pack/distribute meals
Food & Essential Aid	
	- Organizing at food pantries
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	- Packing food hampers
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12. Blessing Bag Assembly	- Sock/snack kits with notes
11. Meal Packing Event	- Large group event to pack/distribute meals
Youth & School Engagement	
25. Kids' Activity Day	- Storytime & games at shelters
	- Face painting, crafts, STEM stations
26. School Support Projects	- Yard work or painting at schools
	- Contact schools to ask how to help
27. Field Day or Sports Event	- YMCA/Youth sports activities
	- Sports tournament (pay to play)

Community Engagement & Events	
28. Charity Car Wash or Bake Sale	- Car wash
	- Cake sale
	- Bake off
29. Community Talent Show/Open Mic	- Talent show
	- Concert/open mic night
30. Quiz Night or Cooking Competition	- Quiz night
	- Cooking competition
Creative Encouragement Projects	
31. Card or Letter Writing	- Cards for hospitals
	- Encouragement cards for businesses
32. Art for Good	- Murals
	- Kindness rocks
	- Community bulletin board art
33. Joy Tour	- Music/worship team visits
	- Singalongs at seniors' homes, rehab centers
Animal Support	
34. Animal Shelter Volunteering	- Volunteer at animal shelters
	- Pet toy donation drive
How to Connect with the Needs in Your Community	

Contact your local municipality and ask them if they have any projects that you can do to help them with your community

Contact a local Seniors home and ask them how your group might be able to do to help or encourage the Seniors for a day

Contact a local school and see what your group could do to help them for a day

- How do I collect donations?
  - We Made this easy for you.

Go to www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/GoMADChallenge

or here is a QR Code Click "Donate".

Don't forget to add Gift Aid if you are able

Where does the money go?

Your donation to **Nazareth House** provides:

- o Salaries for caregivers and teachers who offer 24-hour care
- Personal hygiene and medical supplies tailored to each child's needs



- Therapeutic support (e.g., physical therapy, basic equipment, educational tools)
- Nutritious meals and clean water for all residents
- o **Daily cleaning and maintenance** to ensure a safe, healthy environment
- Electricity and water services essential for round-the-clock care
  The monthly cost to keep Nazareth House running with full care staff is £3000 and 100% of your donation goes directly to these essential needs.

### FINALLY...

Don't forget to share your stories and photos with our Facebook and Instagram community! Let's celebrate together the impact we've made—because together, we truly make a difference.

Do you have more questions?

Email us @ info@gomakeadifferencechallenge.com