

## Proclamation Request Form

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| <u>Name of Organization</u><br>Home Children Canada  |
| <u>Proclamation Name</u><br>National British Home Child Day  |
| <u>Date of Proclamation Requested</u><br>September 28, 2024  |
| <u>Proclamation Type</u> (day, week or month)<br>Day   |
| <b>Organization's Direct Connection to London</b> (provide specific details)<br>See attached.  |
| <u>Required Supporting Documents:</u><br><input type="checkbox"/> Detail information on the Organization<br><input type="checkbox"/> Detail information on the Event<br><input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation of authorization from the Organization to submit request   |
| <u>Category</u> (public awareness campaigns, charitable funding campaigns, arts and cultural celebrations)<br>Public Awareness Campaign  |
| <u>Requester Name</u><br>Donna M. Graham-Addis UE  |
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| <u>Requester Phone Number and Email</u><br>[REDACTED]  |
| The undersigned confirms that I am the Official Representative of the Organization requesting the Proclamation and that by signing this Application, I acknowledge and agree that my organization complies with all City of London's Policies and By-laws.<br><br><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div style="width: 45%;"><hr/><p>Signature</p></div><div style="width: 45%;"><p>March 11, 2024</p><hr/><p>Date</p></div></div>   |
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September 28th is National British Home Children Day. Home Children Canada is a government registered Canadian charity whose purpose is to raise awareness for this important piece of Canadian history and to offer free family history research and education.

Between 1869 and 1948 over 100,000 children of all ages were brought to Canadian shores from the UK. These children were not brought to Canada for love or protection, they were sent to work on Canadian farms and in Canadian households. This is a significant part of the history of Canada and the United Kingdom, yet it is still vastly unknown.

Over ten percent of the current Canadian population are descendants of the Home Children, although many are still unaware of their heritage. This is one of the many reasons why the Home Children and their determination and perseverance deserve to have their huge contribution to the founding of our nation recognized and their stories heard.

Personally, my great grandmother, Annie (Standing) Graham was sent to Canada at the age of 6 years old from Folkestone, Kent, England. She arrived in Canada in 1892 and was sent to work as a domestic servant for a family in Napier, Middlesex, Ontario. My husband's grandfather was also a BHC. He came to Canada from Newport, Monmouthshire, Wales in 1909 at the age of 11. **He was placed as a farm labourer in Woodstock, Ontario, and moved to the City of London by 1931 where he lived until his death in 1974. He is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery on Dundas Street East.**

Many cities across Canada will be honouring the BHC and their descendants on September 28th for National British Home Child Day. Some cities have issued Official Proclamations while some will be lighting various buildings in blue, white, and red. Others have informative displays set up in various locations, and some will simply display the "Sunflower" which is the flower chosen to represent the British Home Children.

**Parkwood Institute in London, Ontario is the home of Sir George Beardshaw. Mr. Beardshaw is the last living British Home Child in Canada and a World War II Veteran.**

You can find more information about Home Children Canada at:

<https://www.britishhomechildren.com/>